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THE
INDUSTRIAL ADVANTAGES
OF
FORT WAYNE, IND.

TOGETHER WITH AN ACCOUNT OF ITS

Material Development and Progress

AN SERIES OF

DESCRIPTIONS AND SKETCHES

OF

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CITY HALL.

THE INDUSTRIAL ADVANTAGES OF FORT WAYNE, INDIANA.

No better illustrations of the growth and progress of the United States can be found anywhere in its borders than the cities of Indiana. They appear to have attained a degree of prosperity that is constantly reaping the reward of thriving industry, and when coupled with a love for attractive surroundings in dwellings, and broad well-kept streets, they are among the most inviting places of residence that can be found.

No city in Indiana, nor indeed in America offers a more prolific theme for favorable comment than Fort Wayne, the largest and most important municipality and manufacturing and commercial center between Pittsburgh and Chicago, on the line of the Pittsburgh, Fort Wayne & Chicago Railway, and which, within a comparatively few years, has leaped into a world-wide prominence through the manifold and extensive industrial establishments located here.

Fort Wayne, the county seat of Allen County, Indiana, with a population of about 45,000, is located in the northeastern section of the State, 120 miles from Indianapolis, 148 miles from Chicago, and 320 miles from Pittsburgh. The latitude of the city is about the same as that of New York City, and is in direct line between that city and Chicago. The situation of the city is at the confluence of the St. Mary's and St. Joseph rivers, which unite to form the Maumee, the latter entering Lake Erie at Toledo, Ohio. Located on a high bank, whence Fort Wayne derives its complimentary title of the "Summit City," superior opportunities for drainage are available. The country surrounding Fort Wayne is

one of the best and most fertile farming sections in the Union, and produces abundant harvests of grain and provisions, this city being the center, through which the products of a wide territory have to pass to the markets of the world. In its early days Fort Wayne was surrounded for many miles in every direction with the



GOVERNMENT BUILDING.

grandest forests of black walnut and other hardwoods of great commercial value, and is still the center of the principal hardwood timber district of the country. The city of Fort Wayne has never felt the injurious effects of a boom, but has made such regular and substantial additions to its wealth and progress, year by year, as

few other American cities can claim. It is peopled with most enterprising, industrious, honorable and successful citizens, and as a manufacturing and distributing point occupies a position of commanding importance, taking rank with cities of 100,000 population, and over. The transportation facilities are unsurpassed and place the business public in immediate and direct communication with all sections of the country.



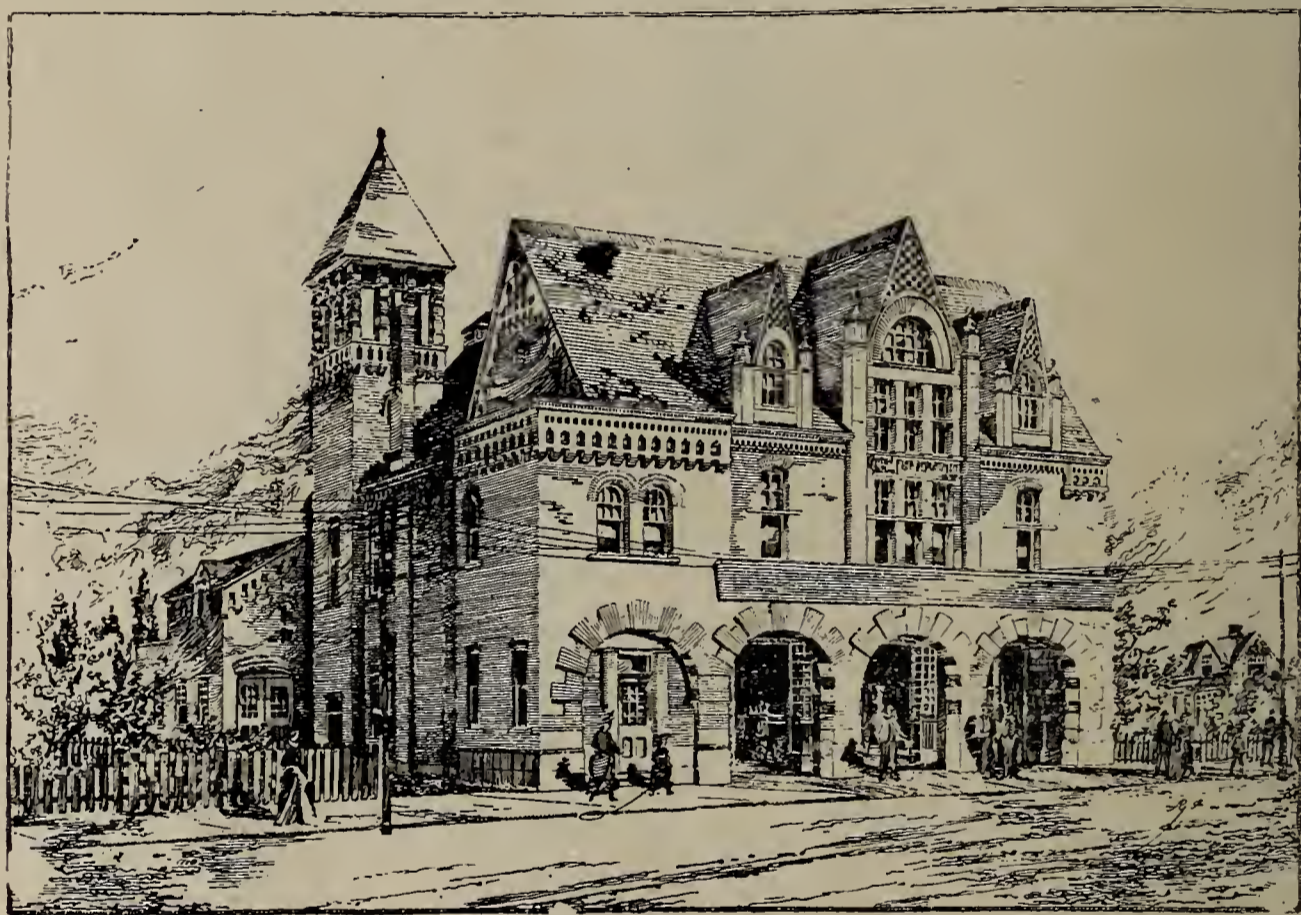
COURT HOUSE.

Financially of the strongest character, an educational center of conspicuous importance, a "city of churches," socially and in other respects invitingly attractive, Fort Wayne offers inducements for business men, homeseekers, capitalists and workingmen, that have found expression in its great prosperity, especially during the last decade. The streets of the city are broad, handsomely shaded, the residence portions especially attractive, the mansions of the wealthy citizens being among the handsomest to be found

anywhere, with well kept lawns which form a landscape replete with artistic attractions, while the hundreds of cottages and comfortable homes of the workingmen, indicate the opportunities offered to all to become independent.

MANUFACTURING.

Fort Wayne affords facilities for diversified manufacturing that few cities enjoy. New industries are being located and its citizens, alive to the success of the city, are investing their money largely in real estate. New buildings and dwellings are being constructed on every hand. No city in the Union offers greater



CENTRAL FIRE STATION.

advantages to manufacturing enterprise of any kind than Fort Wayne. Its splendid location, network of railroads, cheap fuel and available sites for factories, are plausible and substantial invitations for the investment of capital, and account for the almost weekly additions that are made to the industries of the city. Fort Wayne is in every sense of the term a manufacturing city, its name is synonymous with production in all the great markets of the world, and it is a fact not generally known, especially by our own citizens, that there is but one other city west of the Alleghenies, of the same population that rivals Fort Wayne in importance as a source of supply for manufactured goods. The

pronounced success of the industrial concerns located here has been a source of the most favorable comment, and this is especially true of those instituted within the past dozen or fifteen years. That all invariably meet with more than the usual measure of success is a well authenticated fact, and, independent of energy, capital, etc., is due largely to the prestige of the city's name in the markets of the country.



THE CASTLE — (RESIDENCE OF L. O. HULL)

The number of manufacturing concerns doing business in Fort Wayne is about 200, many of them immense establishments supplying a multitude of demands, while the number of incorporated companies alone in Fort Wayne, according to latest records was seventy-five, with capitalizations ranging from \$4,000,000 down to \$1,000 respectively.

An important fact that accounts for the number and diversity of the manufactories, as well as the city's prosperity and advancement, is the extreme activity of local capitalists, who are without exception the busiest and most energetic workers in the community, pushing out into new ventures and investments their surplus with a freedom and confidence in striking contrast with the moneyed men of other cities, who, under similar circumstances, almost invariably show an inclination to concentrate their interests and withdraw from active business. The names of McDonald, Bass, Randall, Bash, Bowser, McCulloch, White, Olds, Rhinesmith and many others, will be remembered in this connection.

Another most important factor in manufacturing has been the introduction of natural gas which has been fully taken advantage of by the numerous manufacturing concerns, and has so far proved both a cheap and reliable fuel.

The city's pioneer industry, the hardwood lumber trade, has supplied the markets of the world with black walnut, oak and other hardwoods, since 1836, and still forms a most valuable feature of the resources of the city. One of the houses engaged in this trade is the largest of the kind in the world. The manufacture of electric light apparatus engages the attention of one of the most notable concerns of the kind in America and employs upwards of one thousand workmen. The largest car wheel works in the world are located here. Engines and boilers are the next most important products. Washing machines, wagons, gas-making apparatus and furniture are also produced here in great and annually increasing quantities. Other important products are bee-hives, brass and iron castings, cameras, carriage wheels, cigars, crackers, flour, gloves and mittens, harness, horse collars, iron towers for electric lighting, lager beer, lumber products, ladies' dresses and waists, oil tanks, overalls and pants, road-working machines, shirts, snow plows, staves, soap, stockings, woolen goods, etc.

Cheap fuel, good railroad facilities, first-class water, proximity to raw materials, cheap and advantageous sites, and scores of other vital arguments recommend Fort Wayne as a splendid manufacturing point, and account for the unparalleled success of those already established here.

COMMERCIAL.

The wholesale trade of Fort Wayne is represented by large and progressive houses handling complete stocks and supplying a widespread trade, and embracing groceries, hardware, jewelry, dry

goods, boots and shoes, confectionery, cigars and tobacco, wines and liquors, produce, etc.

The retail interests are remarkable in their extent and variety; every line is represented, and that, too, in a full and creditable manner. The citizens of Fort Wayne can find no possible excuse for visiting Chicago to buy goods, as the same opportunities exist here, and usually better prices can be made, as the expense of conducting business in Fort Wayne is merely trivial when compared to the larger cities.



INDIANA SCHOOL FOR FEEBLE MINDED YOUTHS

The dry goods stores are especially marvels of size and completeness, and carry an air of the metropolis highly gratifying to the retail purchaser.

TRANSPORTATION.

The transportation facilities of Fort Wayne are not surpassed by any other city of the same importance in the country, and the seven railroads that enter her gates are not only intimately associated with her growth and development, but afford immediate and direct communication with the boundless area of the country. The manufacturers and jobbers best understand and appreciate

this fact, as it gives them competing lines and outlets to all points, thereby securing the lowest rates and promptest service.

The railroads entering Fort Wayne are the Pittsburgh, Fort Wayne & Chicago R. R.; the Grand Rapids & Indiana R. R.; the Nickel Plate Railway; the Lake Shore & Michigan Southern R. R.; the Wabash Railway; the Erie Railway and the Findlay & Fort Wayne R. R., which show a combined trackage of 12,500 miles. Two of these are great trunk lines, with their main lines passing through the center of the city. Thus it will be seen at a glance that Fort Wayne has two lines direct to Chicago, and three to New York, Boston and other important points, one direct to St. Louis and one direct to Cincinnati, while equal facilities are available for reaching all parts of this and the adjoining States, and all parts of the Union.

FINANCIAL.

Never, in all her history, was there a bank failure in Fort Wayne. Never were the doors of any banking house here closed for a single hour because of inability to meet legitimate demands made over its counters. Never has the business community here been denied liberal accommodations at the hands of the local banks. Never have local business interests suffered because of a failure to secure the discounting of commercial paper.

Five banks of deposit are doing business in this city. Of this number, four are national banks. The total capital stock of these national banks is \$1,050,000. Their surplus and undivided profits on the 9th day of March last, amounted in round figures to more than \$620,000, and the total of deposits aggregated almost \$1,400,000.

Two of the local banks only have buildings erected especially for their occupancy. The Old National Bank, at the corner of Calhoun and Berry streets, in the very heart of the city, has a massive and elegant three-story stone structure, built three years ago, and constituting one of the handsomest and most attractive buildings in the city. Its office is fitted up with the latest and most approved fixtures, and is a model of comfort and convenience in all of its appointments.

The White National Bank, at the corner of Clinton and Wayne streets, has most elaborate and commodious quarters. Indeed, it is doubtful if any bank in the State of Indiana is more elegantly housed than is this young but remarkably prosperous institution.

STREET CARS.

Few cities in the country have exceeded Fort Wayne in intramural rapid transit, and the electric street car system to-day is one of the most complete in its service in the country. About twenty miles of track are operated, tapping the most thickly settled portions of the city, as well as extending to the extreme suburbs, and by a liberal transfer system, a passenger may go from any part of the city to any other part for one five-cent fare. The cars are modern and comfortable, and frequent trips are made on all lines.



CLAY STREET SCHOOL.

WATER WORKS, GAS AND ELECTRIC LIGHT.

The Fort Wayne Water Works were erected in 1880. The water supply of Fort Wayne is taken from forty-eight wells of an average depth of about 250 feet. There are fifty-two miles of pipes, supplying 4,570 consumers and 461 fire hydrants. We may also add that the water is of an excellent character and is supplied at less rates to consumers than in any other city in Indiana.

The city is one of the best lighted in the country, by both gas and electricity. The streets are handsomely illuminated with arc lights set upon high iron towers and elsewhere, and incandescent lamps are almost universally used in business houses and in many private residences. Natural gas is almost wholly used for fuel for domestic purposes, as well as in many manufactories, and both natural and artificial gas is used for lighting purposes.

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

In the matter of fire protection too much cannot be said in the praise of that department, which is conceded to be one of the most effective and best organized in the State. The equipment consists of three department houses, two steamers, two hook and ladder companies, one chemical engine and three hose companies, and there are forty-eight fire alarm telegraph stations. The fire risk is reduced to the minimum point and insurance rates are consequently low.

EDUCATIONAL.

The public school system of Fort Wayne has been placed on a substantial basis and helps to make it a most attractive and desirable place of residence, at the same time elevating the general intelligence of the community.

The public school buildings of the city are fifteen in number, attended by over 7,500 scholars and requiring the services of 125 teachers. Numerous private schools, the Roman Catholic parochial schools, the German Lutheran college, the Fort Wayne College of Medicine, two business colleges and Westminster Seminary combine to afford unusual advantages for the education of youth and the inculcation of refined and useful accomplishments.

CHURCHES.

In the greatest of all refining influences (the churches) Fort Wayne may boast of being far ahead of any of her sister cities in this and adjoining states. Forty-three stately spires pierce the sky, representing all of the religious denominations of the day. Many of these structures are magnificent specimens of ecclesiastical architecture, on which thousands of dollars have been lavished in beautifying and adorning. We take pleasure in presenting illustrations of a number of these places of worship, especially those of recent construction.

SANITARY.

With an abundant supply of pure water for domestic purposes; with streets wide, airy, well shaded and well paved; with an admirable sewerage system and proper sanitary laws strictly enforced, with model dwelling houses and surroundings; with markets filled to repletion with the best and purest food supplies; with a climate remarkably invigorating, and an industrious, law-abiding and temperate population, Fort Wayne is necessarily one of the most healthful cities in America.

PRESS.

The press of Fort Wayne is composed of seven enterprising daily publications, nine weeklies, and several monthlies, devoted to different departments of human interest. No more potent factors exist in advancing the city's interests and reflecting the energy of her commercial and manufacturing enterprises.



RESIDENCE OF HON. R. C. BELL.

BENEVOLENT INSTITUTIONS, ORDERS, AMUSEMENTS, ETC.

Fort Wayne is in no wise behind her sister cities in the matter of public charities, benevolent institutions, etc. All of the secret societies are represented, in science, art, religion, etc., and if there is one feature lacking that a city of twice the size can boast of the writer has not been able to discover it.

In regard to amusements, the best theatrical combinations, lecturers and other public entertainers visit Fort Wayne with the

same regularity that they do the largest cities in the country. The Masonic Temple, a regularly equipped opera house, has a seating capacity of over 1,200 people.

REAL ESTATE AND BUILDING.

No higher tribute to the substantial prosperity of Fort Wayne can be cited than rests in the fact that in no city of her class in the United States have values in real estate been so uniformly retained, save with an undeviating tendency to advance, as in Fort Wayne.

The development of Fort Wayne's suburbs during recent years has produced great activity in the local real estate market. The opening up of the large plats of land owned by the Hamilton and the Williams estates in the southern part of the city, was attended by a very brisk demand for residence property. The establishment of the electric light works, on Broadway, gave a strong impetus to real estate in that direction, and resulted in the opening up of some most excellent property in the southwestern part of the city. Lumbard's addition attracted many home-seekers and home-builders to Nebraska, where the Nickel Plate yards and several large manufactories are located.

As stated elsewhere, real estate in Fort Wayne is not held at abnormally high figures. Desirable business lots are valuable, of course, because of what they will produce in rents; but good residence lots in any portion of the city can be had at reasonable prices, as is evidenced by the fact that so many of our people find it cheaper to own their own homes than to occupy tenements.

The building in the last few years has been of a most substantial and ornate character, and numerous magnificent business blocks now mark the place of some of the old and less pretentious landmarks, others quite as beautiful being now in course of erection.

ADVANTAGES.

The advantages of Fort Wayne as a favorable location for manufacturing enterprises are, therefore, equal at least to those of any other city in America, and superior to many. Recapitulated they embrace unsurpassed railroad facilities; excellent sites on railroads for factories; cheap and abundant fuel; pure water and large supply at low rates; low taxes; cheap building material; solid banks; healthy climate; good schools; first-class fire protection; honestly administered municipal government; low prices of necessities of life; splendid electric street railway service; intelligent and skilled labor; and public spirited community.

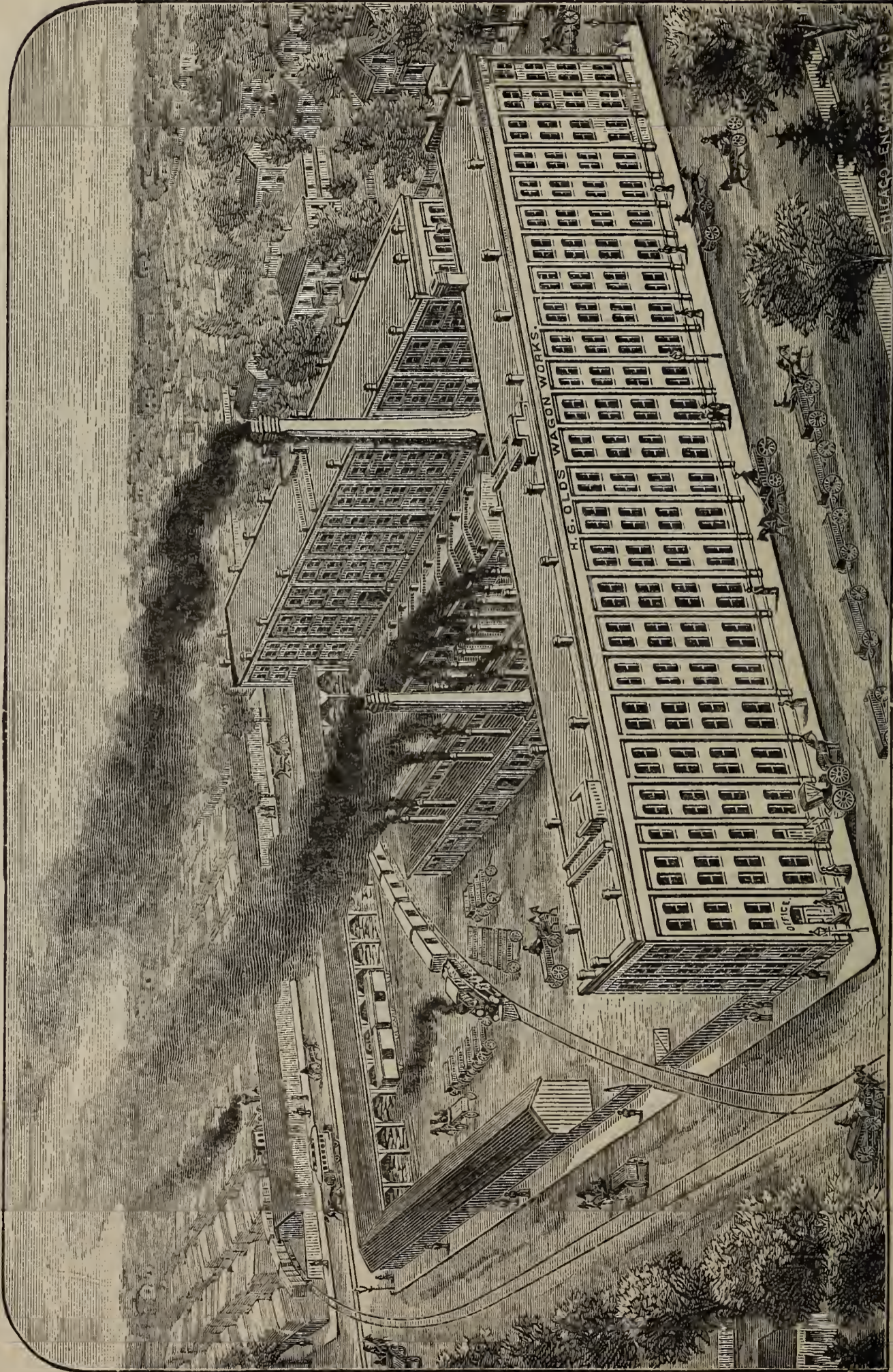
A FORECAST OF THE FUTURE.

Rapid as has been the rush of marvelous events, Phœnix-like as may have seemed this wondrous birth of a mighty nation from the dust and ashes of a forgotten land, it is now plain that America knows her strength and that her march to a glorious future is not dependent upon the half-formed plans of scheming, restless men. In this coming progress, the future of fort Wayne may be certainly predicted to be equalled by her prosperous past. Rapid



THE "TABERNACLE."

as has been her strides in the past dozen years, the next generation will see an enlargement of her manufacturing interests commensurate with the ambition of her citizens. Long ere the time will have come for the celebration of the centennial of Fort Wayne, the present city will have doubled in population and more, and will have become not only the center of trade of a wide spreading railway system, and the mart of agricultural exchanges, but also the seat of manifold industrial activities, of which those already located here are but the precursors.



THE OLDS WAGON WORKS.

OLDS WAGON WORKS,**Manufacturers of Farm and Spring Wagons, Fort Wayne, Ind.**

Nowhere else in the United States has wagon building reached a higher development than in this city by the Olds Wagon Works, which enterprise is devoted exclusively to the production of superior vehicles for farm and business purposes. The Olds Wagon Works was established in 1880 by Mr. H. G. Olds, and the present company was incorporated in 1882, with a capital of \$200,000, its officers being Messrs. H. G. Olds, Pres.; S. C. Lumbar, Vice-Pres.; John Mohr, Jr., Sec., and Wm. H. Olds, Treas., who may be said to represent the most enterprising elements of the industrial activity of the city. The company's plant, comprises a four-story brick main building 60x450 feet in dimensions and a wing 80x200 feet, besides which there are several minor structures, storage sheds, piling ground for lumber, etc. The works are connected with the railway system of the city by a sidetrack entering the premises, and all the different departments are fully equipped with the latest improved machinery and tools, employment being given to upwards of three hundred skilled workmen. The products of the works embrace a general line of standard farm wagons, which combine in their construction improved features peculiar to themselves that make them the strongest, most durable and lightest running wagons on the market. Other products are spring wagons of various designs for business purposes, and new and original styles are constantly being introduced. All the wagons made by this company are manufactured from the best available materials, and the management has ever been on the alert to maintain the company's high reputation for superiority of production, with the result that the name of the Olds Wagon Works is recognized as a guaranty of general excellence of workmanship, material and finish. The company's trade extends throughout all parts of the country, and by the adoption of advanced methods, the enterprise has been elevated to a most commanding position in the wagon building trade of America.

CHARLES EHLMANN,**Manufacturer of Buggies, Wagons, Etc., Cor. W. Main and Fulton Streets.**

Mr. Charles Ehrmann established his enterprise about fifteen years ago, and has since conducted it with success and annually increasing influence. The products comprise a general line of buggies, family carriages, platform, spring and farm wagons, which are chiefly made to order, and a stock of wagons is also carried. A specialty is made in repairing all kinds of buggies and wagons. The trade of the house extends throughout the city and vicinity, and many of the heavy wagons used by the merchants and manufacturers of Fort Wayne are the products of this reliable house. Mr. Ehrmann is a practical and expert wagon builder, and nothing is allowed to leave his shop unless it is perfect and first-class in all particulars.

THE MAYFLOWER MILLS, INCORPORATED.**Manufacturers of High Grade Flours, 20 W. Columbia St.**

The Mayflower Mills was incorporated Oct 1, 1889, and is fully equipped with all the latest improved roller process machinery, with a capacity of 200 barrels per pay. The mill is a substantial structure 40x160 feet in dimensions, and is connected by a side-track with the railroad system of the city, by means of which wheat is unloaded direct into the building and flour is shipped in cars without rehandling. The chief product is marketed under the name of Vienna Patent Flour, which is a strictly high-grade flour, and other brands are also manufactured, all being of the greatest excellence. The products are shipped to all parts of the country, and also largely to Europe, and they are everywhere held in the highest estimation by the trade. The company also manufactures all kinds of feed, oil cake, meal, crushed flaxseed, etc., and are extensive jobbers of linseed oil, granulated corn meal and spring wheat patents. The Mayflower Mills have every facility for attracting and holding a large trade, and give abundant promise of long retaining their important position in the milling industry of Northern Indiana.

S. BASH & CO., INCORPORATED.**Produce and Commissions Dealers in Wool, Seeds, Grain, Etc.,
22 and 24 W. Columbia St.**

The leading enterprise of the kind in Fort Wayne is the house of Messrs. S. Bash & Co., which was originally established in 1850, and may be truly said to be one of the landmarks of the progress and advancement of the commerce of this city. On June 4, 1890, the enterprise was incorporated without changing its title, its officers being Messrs. Solomon Bash, Pres.; Charles S. Bash, Vice-Pres.; Daniel F. Bash, Sec., and Peter D. Smyser, Treas.

The company's warehouse and elevator are embraced in a four-story brick building, 60x110 feet in dimensions, and have a storage capacity for 60,000 bushels of grain and seeds, as well as ample accommodation for other staple products handled. The building is fully equipped with every convenience for cleaning and grading seeds, and the leading specialty of the company is the receipt and shipment of field seeds. The facilities of the house are such that the largest consignments are promptly handled, liberal advances being made upon all receipts, and the highest market cash prices being at all times paid for wool, seeds, grain, furs, hides, pelts, etc., in large or small quantities. The trade of the company extends generally throughout the country, reaching all the principal commercial centers of the East, and shipments of field seeds and other products are made direct to European markets. As one of the oldest and most honored establishments of the city, commendation of its fair dealing and liberal methods are unnecessary, the trade being fully aware of the many advantages and inducements it is constantly offering to all patrons.

LOUIS RASTETTER & SON,**Manufacturers of Buggy and Carriage Bows, Etc., Fort Wayne, Ind.**

The enterprise of Messrs. Louis Rastetter & Son, founded in 1882, occupies a most important field in the carriage building trade. The plant covers about one acre of ground, upon which is erected a large two-story factory and other minor buildings, the whole being fully equipped with all the latest improved special machinery known to the trade, operated by steam power, and furnishing employment to sixty-five skilled workmen. The raw materials are received in the log direct from the forests, and unloaded at the doors, and the shipping facilities are of the most advanced character. The products of the firm comprise buggy bows, carriage bows, express bows, and grocery bows, which are made in a variety of styles from the best materials, and are recognized as the best in the market. Other products are dead-lock and long-lap bicycle wood-rims. The members of the firm, Messrs. Louis and Wm. C. Rastetter, are both enterprising and progressive manufacturers and public-spirited citizens.

RYAN TRUCKING CO.**Storage Warehouse, 19 to 25 Wells St.**

The Ryan Trucking Co. was incorporated in 1891, and has since demonstrated its usefulness and reliability, with the result that its services are in constant demand by merchants, business men and the community in general. The company's facilities embrace a commodious warehouse, having sixty-five different rooms with lock and key, the owner retaining the key, arranged with special reference to the secure storage of portable goods and merchandise of all kinds, including machinery, household furniture, agricultural implements, and goods of all descriptions. The company issues warehouse receipts for goods in store, and transfer goods to any part of the country as may be directed. The company's warehouse is connected with the railway system of the city, and cars can be loaded and unloaded at the doors, affording manufacturers, supplying their products to the territory of which Fort Wayne is the transportation center, advantages for the storage and distribution of goods, not easily duplicated elsewhere. As the railways of Fort Wayne radiate in ten different directions, covering all important points in this and the adjoining States, and with less mileage than from any other railroad center, this company is in a position to distribute merchandise and machinery more economically for manufacturers than any other similar institution in the Central States. As the charges are in proportion to the services rendered, the saving to manufacturers over the older plans of maintaining branch houses is a great one, and at the same time the goods are handled as promptly and as accurately as could be done by branch houses. The officers of the company are Messrs. P. A. Randall, Pres.; R. T. McDonald, Vice-Pres.; E. W. Cook, Sec., and John A. Coy, Manager.

THE FOX BAKERY AND CONFECTIONERY.

145, 147 and 149 Calhoun St. and 1 to 7 Jefferson St.

The largest and most important establishment of the kind in Indiana is the Fox Bakery and Confectionery. The plant is embraced in a handsome four-story stone and pressed brick warehouse and a three-story factory in the rear, the latter fronting on Jefferson street. The main building is one of the finest commercial structures of Fort Wayne, and is an architectural ornament to the main thoroughfare of the city. The manufactory is equipped with all the most modern ovens and machinery known to the



trade, operated by steam power, and furnishes employment to a large force of skilled workmen. In the manufacture of the products, the most scientific methods are pursued with chemical exactitude and with the utmost regard for cleanliness and purity, resulting in a product uniform and perfect in character and wholesome and delicious to the taste. The products consist of a large variety of crackers and biscuits, as well as confectionery, which are unrivalled for excellence and have no superiors anywhere. The trade of the house extends generally throughout Indiana, Illinois, Ohio and Michigan, and the products are in the highest favor with both dealers and consumers. Mr. Louis Fox is an expert practical manufacturer and closely supervises all the operations of the business. He bears the highest reputation for op

enterprising and progressive methods, and is widely esteemed in the trade. By reason of its advanced facilities, superior products and liberal management. The Fox Bakery seems destined to long maintain itself as one of the most complete establishments of this kind in the West.

COLUMBIA MACHINE WORKS.

Lou. G. Scholze, Prop., 54 E. Columbia St.

The Columbia Machine Works, established in June, 1893, by Mr. Lou. G. Scholze, bears an important part in the industrial resources of Fort Wayne. The manufacturing facilities are comprised in a commodious and well equipped shop, operated by steam power, and furnishing employment to a force of skilled workmen. Mr. Scholze conducts a regular machine jobbing and repairing business, making a specialty of model making and bicycle repairing, and he also builds special and experimental machinery to order, in which department his intelligent ideas and large experience will be found of great assistance to inventors in perfecting their improvements. Bicycles and lawn mowers are also expertly repaired, and bicycle sundries and parts are also kept in stock at low prices. Mr. Scholze is a practical machinist of fifteen years experience, and a progressive and enterprising business man. While his trade is largely local, it also extends generally throughout Indiana, and those interested either in new machinery or in overhauling old machines, will find many advantages and inducements by consulting the Columbia Machine Works.

JULIUS NATHAN & CO.

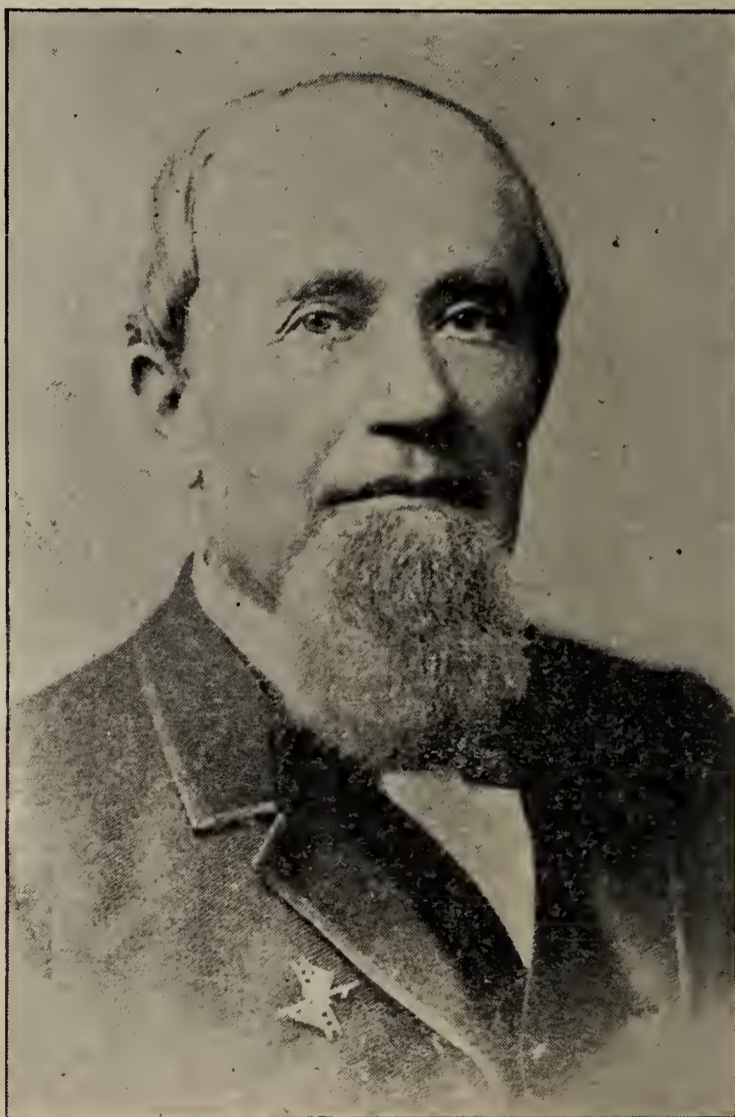
Distillers and Wholesale Dealers in Wines and Liquors, 137 and 139 Calhoun St.

One of the largest and most prominent wholesale wine and liquor houses in Indiana is that of Messrs. Julius Nathan & Co., which was instituted in 1875, and has since built up a trade that extends generally throughout this and the adjoining States, and in its specialties of fine Bourbon and Rye whiskies, into many more distant markets. The firm are proprietors of the Belle of Davies County, Ky., distillery, where is produced the celebrated Belle of Davies County, hand-made, sour mash Bourbon and Rye whiskies, which have no superior for high quality anywhere. Their stock of these choice goods, both in the bonded warehouses where made, and in store in this city, is large and is offered to the trade in original packages, free or in bond, as may be desired. The firm also handles other whiskies of tried and national reputation, pure in quality, delicious in flavor, wholesome and reliable, as well as American and foreign wines, gins, brandies, etc. The individual members of the firm are Messrs. Julius Nathan and Max Rubin, both enterprising business men, who give their close personal attention to all the operations of the house, and relations with them will result in advantages difficult to procure elsewhere.



Brewers and Bottlers of Lager Beer, Fort Wayne, Ind.

It is quite safe to assert that to the efforts of the founder and successors of the C. L. Centlivre Brewing Co., of this city, more than to any other causes, is due the high reputation which Fort Wayne enjoys for producing high class lager beer. This brewery was established in 1862 by Mr. C. L. Centlivre, and from small beginnings the enterprise has advanced with the growth of the city, until at present, it is one of the largest, most modern and most celebrated lager beer breweries in Indiana, and it is excelled nowhere in the high quality and absolute purity of its product. The plant is located in the northern suburbs of the city, and easily approached by a line of electric street railway, which was constructed by Mr. Centlivre.



The plant covers about three acres of ground, situated between the river and the canal feeder, upon which are erected eight substantial and massive modern brick buildings, the whole being fully equipped with all the latest improved machinery and appliances known to the trade, including refrigerating machinery for maintaining uniform low temperature at all seasons of the year, and an artesian well supplies an abundance

of the purest water. Large and spacious cellars afford ample storage for the product, and the beer is allowed to thoroughly mature before marketing. From its inception this brewery has always been successful and prosperous, which fact may be attributed to the superior merits of the product, which is strictly pure, free from any adulterations or injurious substitutes, and is of the best quality that can be produced from pure malt, hops and water. In fact, the policy of the management has always been directed to high quality, and it has never been deviated from. The company manufactures both light and dark lager beer, under the brands of "Kaiser," "Bohemian" and "XX" Beer, and a special export beer is made and bottled on the premises, the facilities for so doing, embracing a commodious and completely equipped bottling department. Another product of the company is "The Centlivre Tonic," a pure concentrated liquid extract of malt and hops, containing no alcohol, spirits or chemicals whatever, and is widely commended by physicians for the use of all persons requiring a healthful tonic. The company's products are in demand by the trade throughout this and the adjoining States, and to an annually increasing extent all over the United States. The surroundings of the brewery have been artificially improved at great expense by the company, and boat houses and pleasure grounds have been constructed, which are largely patronized by the citizens of Fort Wayne during the summer months for outings. The management of the business is in the hands of Messrs. Louis A. Centlivre, Chas. F. Centlivre and John B. Reuss, who are enterprising and progressive business men and closely allied to the development of the best interests of this community. They exercise close and critical supervision over all the departments of the business, with the result that the original high standard of excellence shall be rigidly maintained, and the establishment is widely recognized as a most prominent factor of Fort Wayne's industrial supremacy.

MOSSMAN, YARNELLE & CO.

Wholesale Dealers in Iron, Heavy Hardware, Carriage Makers' Supplies, Etc., Cor. Main and Clinton Sts.

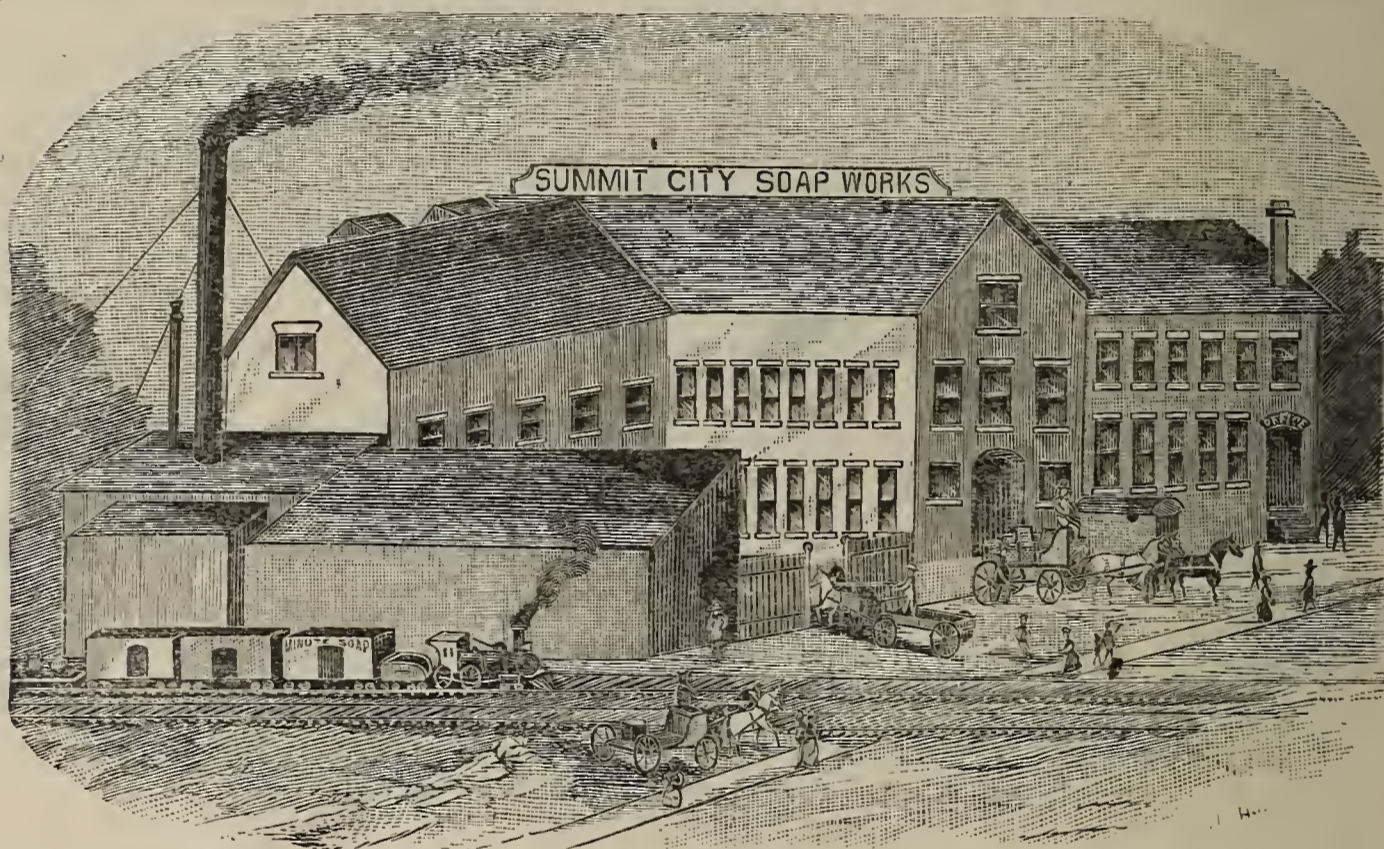
This leading and representative house was established in 1882, and from the inception of the business it has occupied an important position in the trade resources of Fort Wayne. During its enterprising career it has probably become more widely known in its line of trade throughout Indiana, Ohio, Michigan and Illinois than any other similar concern in the State. The firm is so well-known for liberal and fair dealing methods that, notwithstanding the fact that several traveling salesmen ably represent the house on the road, much of the business is received through the mails direct from customers, and all such orders are quite as satisfactorily filled. The premises occupied embrace a substantial three-story brick-building, 60x150 feet in dimensions, which contains the largest stock of the kind in this section of the State. It em-

braces a great variety of heavy hardware, merchant bar iron and steel, carriage axles, carriage springs, anvils, vises, chains, blacksmiths', machinists' and metal workers' supplies, carriage trimmings, wagon and carriage wood stock and material and carriage and wagon makers' supplies generally. The individual members of the firm are Messrs. W. E. Mossman, E. F. Yarnelle and W. S. Sponhauer, who are first-class business gentlemen.

SUMMIT CITY SOAP WORKS.

Manufacturers of Fine Laundry Soaps, 2 to 16 Glasgow Ave.

The Summit City Soap Works, established in 1880, of which Mr. Gustave A. Berghoff is the present proprietor, is one of the prominent representatives of the diversified industries of Fort



Wayne. The plant covers about half an acre, upon which are erected substantial buildings, fully equipped with all the latest appliances known to the trade, and is operated by steam power. Cars are loaded at the doors, and every modern convenience has been provided that would in any way tend to improve the product and lessen the cost to the consumer. The soaps manufactured are uniform in quality, entirely free from alkaline matter, and are made from the best materials in the market with unusual care and cleanliness, resulting in a product that has no superior. The principal brands made are known as the "Globe," "Anti-Washboard," "Old Glory," "Minute," "Old Fort," "German," and "Best," and other choice brands are also made." All the company's soaps are attractively put up and packed and are sold through all the jobbers. With unsurpassed facilities, experienced management, ample resources and enterprising and progressive methods, the Summit City Soap Works is fully prepared to maintain and extend the important success it has achieved in its useful field of industry.

YOUNGE'S MEDICAL AND SURGICAL INSTITUTE.

J. W. Younge, M. D., President, Cor. Calhoun & Lewis Streets.



Among the institutions of which Fort Wayne has good reason to be proud, none is more representative or more worthy of the esteem of the community than Younge's Medical and Surgical Institute, which, ever since its establishment has been productive of incalculable benefits to the people in the eradication and cure of chronic disease and in the skillful practice of the most advanced surgery. Dr. J. W. Younge, the founder and president of the institute, is widely known throughout the United States for his scholarly attainments and his advanced methods in the practice of medicine and surgery. He has enjoyed an experience of over a quarter of a century as a practicing physician and since 1872 he has treated over 52,000 patients, whose ailments covered all diseases known to humanity. His investigations have covered every known method of treatment, and have demonstrated the supreme value of reform in the old methods, and his success in instituting cures, where many others have failed, has resulted in a reputation that is confined to no locality or section of the country, but extends everywhere in the Union. Younge's Medical and Surgical Institute is open for the reception of patients suffering with any disease whatever, and every patient receives the personal attention of Dr. Younge. His greatest successes are made in all nervous diseases, diseases of women, cancers, consumption, heart disease and Bright's disease, diseases of the eye and ear, diseases peculiar to men, etc., and hundreds of cures have been accomplished in all such diseases. Sufferers from all kinds of nervous and chronic diseases are earnestly commended to visit this institute and consult with Dr. Younge, whose advice is freely given to all who ask it. His vast experience has enabled him to diagnose quickly and accurately and treat successfully, and the important success and standing he has attained as one of the greatest specialists in America, are evidences of his ability to fulfill all promises. Health, happiness and longevity lie open to all sufferers from curable nervous and chronic diseases, deformities, etc., through the portals of Younge's Medical and Surgical Institute of this city, and those at a distance from Fort Wayne, who are unable to visit the institute, can be successfully treated through correspondence.

THE HERMAN BERGHOFF BREWING CO.

Brewers of Dortmunder and Salvator, Pure Malt and Hops, \$5,000
Reward Beer. Fort Wayne, Ind.

Manufacturing a pure and wholesome beverage of unexcelled quality, the Herman Berghoff Brewing Co. has established a reputation for its products of the most enviable character, and has



developed a trade that extends throughout Indiana, Illinois, Ohio, Pennsylvania, and other sections of the Union. The enterprise was established in 1887, and the plant is comprised in large and substantial buildings, which are fully equipped with all the latest improved machinery and appliances known to the trade, that conduce to make the beer superior in every respect, and at the same time tend to economy of production. Only the best malt and hops are used, and the utmost cleanliness is observed in all the processes of manufacture, with the result that the beer placed on the market from this brewery is deservedly in great favor with the

public and the trade. The annual output of the brewery is 40,000 barrels of lager beer, and one hundred workmen are given employment in the several departments of the business. The products are widely known as "Dortmunder" and "Salvator," and they have no superior anywhere. Agencies for the sale of the products of this brewery are maintained at Chicago, Pittsburgh, Detroit, Scranton, Pa., and other commercial centres, and the scope of territory in which it is distributed is constantly being enlarged.

POTTLITZER BROS. FRUIT CO.

Importers and Dealers in Foreign and Domestic Fruits, Etc., 8 and

10 Harrison St. and 10 and 12 Pearl St., Fort Wayne, and

11, 13 and 15 N. Sixth St., Lafayette, Ind.

Branch House: Huntington, Ind.

The wholesale distribution of foreign and domestic fruits is one of the most important of modern commercial industries, and its most prominent representative in Northern Indiana is the widely-known enterprise of the Pottlitzer Bros. Fruit Co., whose extensive establishments are the headquarters for a large and annually increasing trade that extends generally throughout this and adjoining States. This enterprise was founded in 1886 by Messrs. Pottlitzer Bros., the present company having been incorporated in 1891. Two large establishments are operated, one in this city and one at Lafayette, and a branch house is maintained at Huntington, Ind. The projectors of the enterprise are also largely interested in the Lafayette Cracker and Confectionery Co. of Lafayette, Ind., manufacturers of crackers and confectionery, which house was instituted as long ago as 1846, and is one of the oldest and most important of the kind in Indiana. The premises occupied for the business in Fort Wayne are comprised in a two-story building, 40x150 feet in dimensions, which is provided with all facilities for handling all kinds of foreign and domestic fruits, early vegetables, country produce, etc., including a ripening room for bananas, and equal facilities are available at the Lafayette headquarters. The company are the largest receivers of foreign fruits in Northern Indiana, and they enjoy the closest relations with shippers and producers throughout the country, and at the seaports, thus insuring the constant receipt of the choicest products of the orchards and gardens of America and foreign lands. Fruits and produce are handled both direct and on commission, and the reputation of the house for reliability, quick sales and prompt returns is an enviable and honorable one. The officers of the company are Messrs. Leo Pottlitzer, Pres., and Herman Pottlitzer, Treas., of Lafayette, and Isidor Pottlitzer, Sec., and Adolph Diamond, Manager, of Fort Wayne.

DAYTON ALDERMAN,**Dealer in Agricultural Implements, Seeds, Etc., 4 and 6 Harrison St.**

This enterprise was established in 1878, and has ever since maintained the highest reputation for the superior quality of the implements handled and the liberal and fair dealing methods upon which all its business operations are conducted. The premises occupied for the business are embraced in a two-story brick building, 40x135 feet in dimensions, which afford ample accommodation for the display of a large and complete stock, and storage facilities for surplus stock is also utilized elsewhere. Mr. Alderman makes leading specialties of the Milwaukee Harvesting Machines, the Wizard cultivators, the J. I. Case walking plows, and improved agricultural implements and machinery for all purposes required by farmers in this territory. An important part of the business is that of grain, and grass seeds and garden seeds, the famous and reliable Landreth's Garden Seeds being exclusively handled. These seeds have been before the public for one hundred and eleven years, and require no commendation to add to their high reputation. Mr. Alderman is a progressive and enterprising business man and an esteemed citizen, and his establishment is a prominent feature of Fort Wayne's commercial supremacy.

FORT WAYNE FURNITURE CO.**Manufacturers of Fine Furniture, Fort Wayne, Ind.**

The Fort Wayne Furniture Co. was incorporated in November, 1887, and commenced operations with modern facilities. The plant is embraced in a series of buildings 400x60 feet in dimensions. It is located contiguous to the railway system of the city, which affords unsurpassed facilities for receiving and shipping with a minimum handling. The factory is fully equipped with all the latest improved machinery requisite for economical production, and employment is given to two hundred skilled workmen. The products of the company comprise all kinds of furniture of the better grades, and the operations are conducted upon the most advanced modern methods, the raw materials being procured direct from the original sources of supply, and the furniture turned out is artistic in design, handsomely finished, and is in wide and annually increasing demand by first-class retail furniture houses in all parts of the country. The management of the business is in the hands of Mr. E. B. Caldwell, who brings to bear upon its operations a wide range of experience in furniture manufacturing, coupled with a thorough knowledge of the requirements of the trade and rare executive ability, and since his coming into control of its affairs it has been pushed to the front in the trade. Relations established with it will insure the best goods of the kind in the market, as well as liberal and satisfactory treatment in all cases.

GEORGE W. WINBAUGH.

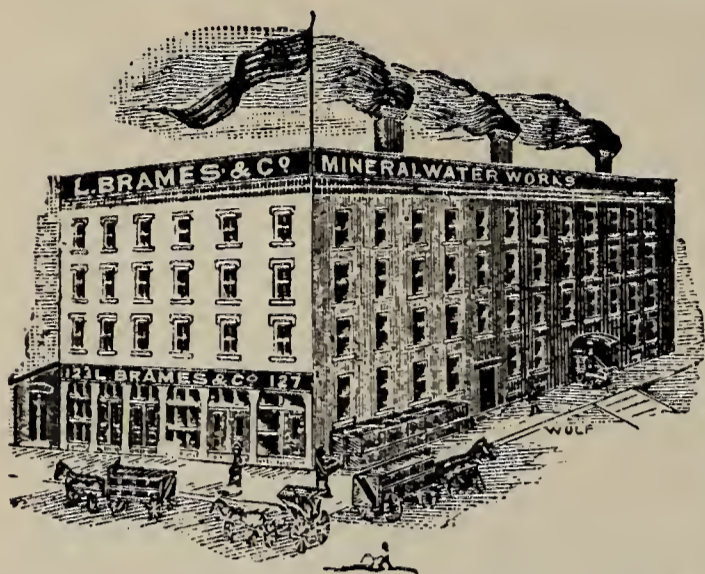
**Blank Book Manufacturer, Binder and Paper Box Maker,
13 East Main Street,**

The largest and most complete establishment of the kind in Northern Indiana, is that of Mr. George W. Winbaugh, which was instituted in 1888 by Ward & Winbaugh, and has been conducted by the present proprietor, since 1889. The facilities of the house embrace premises 90 x 60 feet in dimensions, which are supplied with the latest improved ruling machines, paper box machines and all necessary tools and appliances for the manufacture of all kinds of blank books and general book binding, employment being given to about twenty-five skilled workmen and assistants. Mr. Winbaugh makes a specialty of making blank books for the use of banks, city and county clerks, manufacturing companies and business men generally, which are finished in the highest style of the art. All kinds of paper ruling is executed and books and pamphlets are bound in all styles to suit the tastes of customers. In the box making department, paper boxes of all styles are made as well as sample cases. Mr. Winbaugh is a practical and skilled book-binder, having worked fifteen years at the trade, and those interested in the growth of Fort Wayne should give his enterprise the preference over those located in other markets.

THE WESTERN GAS CONSTRUCTION CO.

**Engineers and Builders of Gas Works Apparatus and Machinery,
Etc., Fort Wayne, Ind. New York Office: 32 Pine St.**

The Western Gas Construction Co. was instituted in 1888, and has since assumed proportions of great magnitude. The company's plant is located on the line of the street railway system of the city, and is accessible by independent switch tracks to all railways entering Fort Wayne. It covers six acres of ground and the main building, or machine shop, is 65x250 feet in dimensions. The mechanical equipment embraces all the latest improved machinery and appliances for working iron and steel and for economically handling the raw materials, and seventy-five skilled workmen are given employment. The office is an attractively appointed building 30x60 feet in dimensions, with counting room, officers' rooms and drafting department, and a corps of engineers and draftsmen are employed to make plans and estimates. The company build all kinds of gas works apparatus and machinery, gas engines, improved coal gas benches, improved water gas apparatus, gas holders, structural iron work, iron roofs and floors, etc., and undertake contracts for the complete erection of gas making plants for cities and towns with any desired capacity. The officers of the company are Messrs. O. N. Guldlin, President and Engineer; Ernest F. Lloyd, Sec., and Gordon W. Lloyd, Treas., and Wm. Henry White is Manager and Engineer of the New York office.

L. BRAMES & CO.**Summit City Bottling Works, 123, 125 and 127 Clay St.**

The oldest, largest and most prominent enterprise in this city devoted to the production of light beverages is the Summit City Bottling Works, of which Messrs. L. Brames & Co. are the proprietors. This house was established in 1881, and has since built up a trade for its products that extends throughout a radius of 80 miles or more from this city. The facilities of the house embrace a large and commodious

plant, comprised in a three-story brick building, which is fully equipped with all the latest improved generating, bottling and bottle washing machinery, operated by steam power and furnishing employment for about fifteen workmen, and a number of wagons are constantly utilized in delivering the products to the trade. The products comprise all kinds of aerated beverages, including soda water, ginger ale, birch beer, root beer, sarsaparilla, champagne cider, seltzer and mineral waters, all of which are made from the choicest and purest ingredients and finest syrups, and are unexcelled in the market for purity, fine flavor and healthfulness. The firm also bottles fine California wines, Philadelphia ale and porter, and is sole agent in this market for the sale of the Pabst Brewing Co.'s Milwaukee, Select Export, Bohemian and Lager Beer, which is widely recognized as the standard lager beer of America, and is without a peer for age, purity and strength, its annual output of over 1,000,000 barrels being the best evidence of the favor in which it is held everywhere. The firm supplies the trade and families with this beer in bulk and in bottles, as may be desired, and also deals in all kinds of native and California wines. The service of this house is prompt, continuous and reliable, and dealers add to their patronage by handling its products in preference to those of less favored competitors. Mr. L. Brames, the proprietor of the business, is a practical and experienced bottler and a progressive business man.

WILLIAM GEAKE.**Steam Stone Works, 76, 78, 80 and 82 Pearl St.**

One of the leading concerns engaged in the stone-cutting trade in Indiana is the Steam Stone Works of Mr. William Geake, which was established here in 1881. The manufacturing plant covers about an acre of ground, upon which is erected suitable buildings and works, fully equipped with all necessary machinery and appliances, operated by steam power, and furnishing employment to twenty-five skilled workmen. All its operations are con-

ducted under the critical supervision of the proprietor, who is an expert stone-cutter. The products of the works consist of all kinds of cut and ornamental stone work for architectural purposes, and very many of the handsome public and private buildings which grace the streets of the cities and towns of this and the adjoining States are the result of the artistic work accomplished by Mr. Geake. Among such may be named the government building, Kalamazoo, Mich.; Court House, Whitley county, Ind.; and the Old National Bank and Pixley & Long block, J. H. Bass, residence, R. C. Bell's residence, Fort Wayne, and McDonald & Taylor building, now under construction. Mr. Geake is an enterprising and progressive business man, and with unsurpassed facilities, ample resources and able management his Steam Stone Works have attained a success as pronounced as it is gratifying.

FORT WAYNE ARTIFICIAL ICE AND COOL STORAGE CO.

Corner Wells Street and Lake Shore Railway.

The enterprise of the Fort Wayne Artificial Ice and Cool Storage Co., was instituted in 1889, and commenced operations with a large and complete plant, equipped with the latest improved ice-making machinery and ample facilities for the storage of perishable property at any desired and proper temperature. The company manufactures what is commonly termed artificial ice, but which in reality is the purest natural ice, artificially congealed. In brief, the company's processes consist of the distillation of water, whereby it is perfectly purified and freed from all organic and inorganic matter of whatsoever nature. The water is then placed into covered cans, which are surrounded by coils of iron pipe, the latter containing chemicals under pressure, which by evaporation extract all the heat from the water in the cans, thus transforming it into cakes of pure crystal ice, which is far superior, from a sanitary point of view, to any ice harvested from lakes or streams anywhere. Ice produced in this manner is the only ice which may be used for drinking purposes without more or less danger of injury to the system, and this company's ice is endorsed and recommended by physicians without exception as pure and wholesome. It is used by families, hotels, restaurants, druggists, (for compounding prescriptions) and others with the greatest satisfaction to all and large quantities of the water is sold in one gallon bottles for drinking purposes. The capacity of the works is 35 tons of ice per day, and besides supplying a large local demand the product is shipped to other cities and towns throughout large sections of Indiana and Ohio. The company has all facilities for distributing the product to consumers and the service is prompt and regular, employment being given to forty workmen. The price of this pure and harmless ice is no greater than that of other ice, and being much the better, it is naturally in annually increasing demand. The officers of the company are Messrs. R. T. McDonald, President and C. R. Higgins, Secretary and Treasurer.

THE KELLER DENTAL CO.

Nickel Plating Works, 93 Barr St.



The nickel plating works of the Keller Dental Co. is the only representative of this important department of industry in Fort Wayne. The plant is fully equipped with all necessary appliances for the business, including dynamos, lathes, etc., and nickel plating and polishing of every description are accomplished

in the highest style of the art and with promptness. Special attention is given to plating and polishing bicycle parts; models and small machine work; knives, forks, spoons and other tableware; stove ornaments, chandeliers, lamps and brackets; heavy machine work and plumbers' supplies; carriage and wagon trimmings, etc., and dental and surgical instruments are replated so as to look like new. In fact the facilities of the house are equal to the execution of all kinds of metal polishing and plating, and the enterprise is an important feature of the resources of Fort Wayne.

F. P. WILT & CO.

Jobbers of Tea, Tobacco and Cigars, 33 E. Columbia St.

The enterprise of Messrs. F. P. Wilt & Co. is the latest accession of importance to the wholesale trade accommodations of Fort Wayne, and is the only strictly wholesale house in the city confining its operations to the specialties indicated by the caption of this article. The firm commenced operations Aug. 1, 1894, though this date by no means limits the experience of the proprietors in the trade, since the senior member of the firm, Mr. Franklin P. Wilt, was for many years previously a member of an important firm of wholesale grocers in this city, and one of the founders of the house, and the junior member of the firm, Mr. R. D. Hudgel, was a traveling salesman for the same house. The premises occupied comprise a four-story and basement building, 20x110 feet in dimensions, and a three-story warehouse in the rear is also utilized. The stock carried embraces a large variety of fine teas, received direct from importers, all kinds of manufactured tobaccos, including the leading and popular brands in demand in

the market, and the most complete and varied stock of fine and medium domestic and Key West cigars ever offered in this market, and a trade has been established that extends throughout this and the adjoining States. The management of the business is based on fair and liberal dealing, and that its policy is appreciated is evidenced by the rapid growth and present magnitude of its operations. The members of the firm are progressive and broad-gauge business men, and their house gives abundant promise of long continued success.

BEN LEHMAN,

Clothing, Hats and Furnishings, 34 & 36 Calhoun Street.

The magnificent clothing and furnishing goods establishment of Mr. Ben Lehman, instituted in 1887, is the most striking and attractive house of the kind in Fort Wayne, and its splendid modern plate-glass show windows are the most conspicuous feature of the main business thoroughfare of the city. The salesroom is a large and handsomely decorated double store, and the stock carried embraces everything in the way of men's boys' and children's fine ready-made clothing, hats and caps, and gent's furnishing goods. It is pleasing to learn that not only is the finest clothing supplied to the public by this house, in an infinite variety of patterns and styles, but that truly popular prices prevail for all goods. In brief, this house is a great representative clothing and outfitting establishment, operated upon a metropolitan scale and affording the most advanced accommodations to patrons.

CHARLES FALK & CO.,

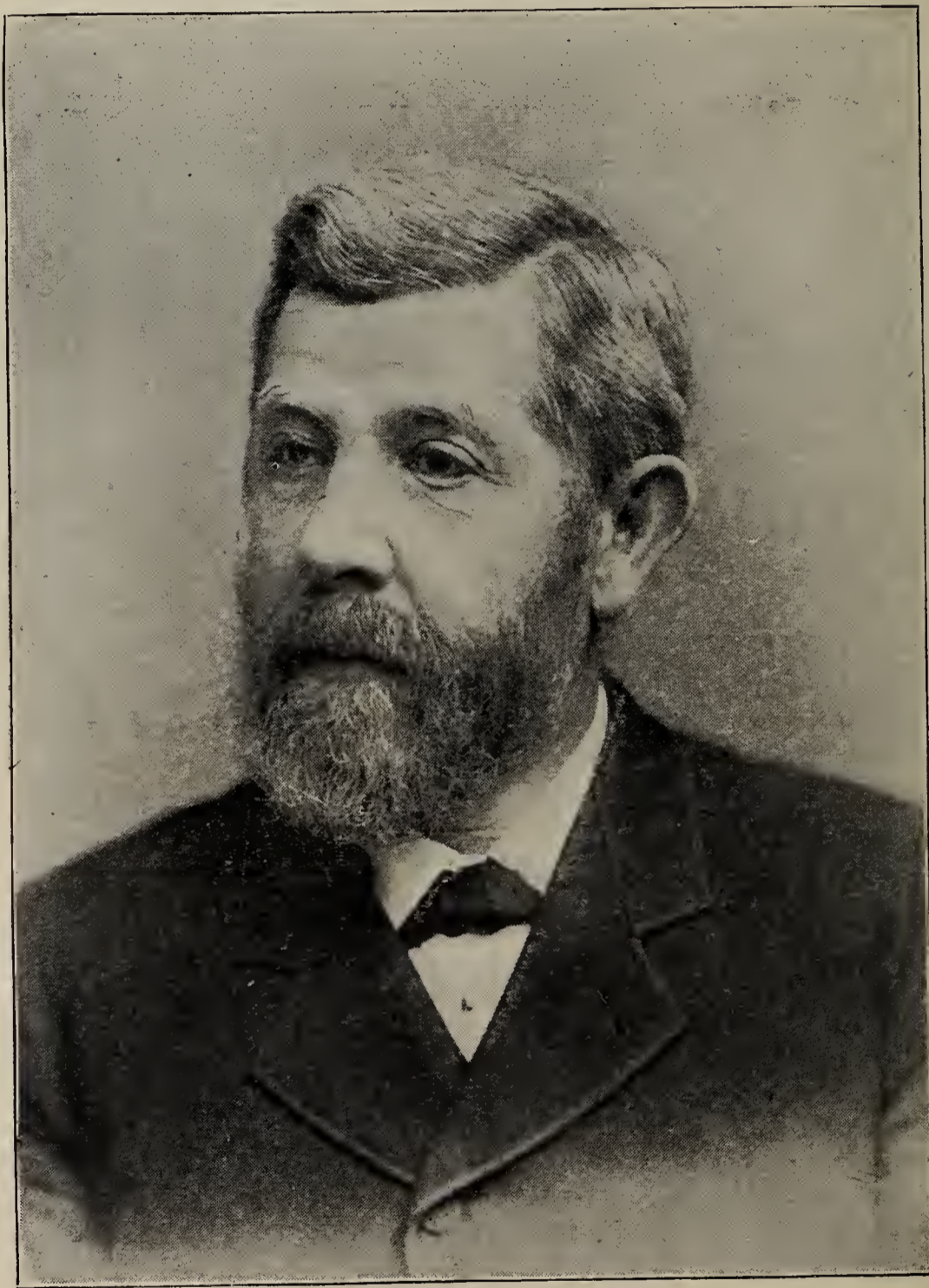
**Wholesale Dealers in Notions, Gent's Furnishing Goods, etc., 23
W. Main St.**

The extensive house of Messrs. Charles Falk & Co., testifies in no uncertain voice to the magnitude of the wholesale trade of Fort Wayne, as well as to the energy and judgment with which its affairs are managed. This enterprise, the only one of the kind in the city, was instituted in 1888, and has since built up a trade that covers a large section of Northern Indiana, Western Ohio and Southern Michigan. The firm occupies a four-story building 25x200 feet in dimensions, forming an emporium fully on a par with similar establishments in metropolitan cities. An elevator connects all the floors, and every convenience has been provided that would facilitate the transaction of business. The stock embraces a complete line of notions, small wares, fancy goods, embroideries, hosiery, gent's furnishing goods, pants, overalls, etc., which are offered at prices which command favorable attention. The proprietor, Mr. Charles Falk, is an experienced merchant and progressive business man, and the house maintains its leading position solely on the basis of merit and liberal management.

MEYER BROS. & CO.,

Wholesale Druggists, 2 Keystone Block. Branches: St. Louis and Kansas City.

Fort Wayne enjoys the distinction and proud preeminence of being the birthplace of a commercial enterprise which, with its branches at St. Louis and Kansas City, now conducted under the title of the Meyer Bros. Drug Co., has grown to be one of the largest and most famous wholesale drug houses in America. It was



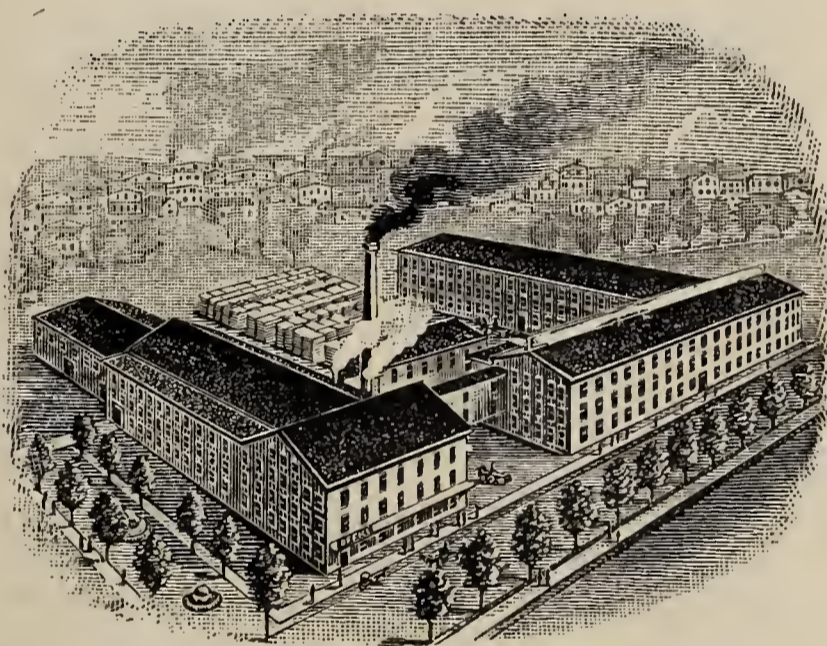
founded in 1852, and the parent house has since been conducted here, the St. Louis branch having been established in 1865, and the Kansas City branch in 1875, both having since grown to be the leading enterprises of the kind in those cities. For nearly forty years this house has been the chief source of supply for its goods to a large section of Indiana, Ohio and Michigan, and it is

recognized by the trade as supplying all that is first, best and beyond criticism in drugs, chemicals, medicines, physicians' supplies, paints, oils, etc. The "Imperial Baking Powder," manufactured by this firm, has long been recognized as absolutely pure and of highest quality, and its reputation stands on no lower plane than that of the best in the world. For the accommodation of this community a retail department is still maintained in this city. The individual members of the firm are Messrs. Christian, F. G., and John F. W. Meyer, the latter, whose portrait accompanies this article, being the resident partner and manager of the business in this city. Thoroughly identified with the development of Fort Wayne, and conducting an enterprise of great usefulness and magnitude, this firm may be justly named as one of the foremost factors of Fort Wayne's trade resources.

S. F. BOWSER & CO.

Perfect Self-Measuring Oil Tanks, Fort Wayne, Ind.

This enterprise was established in 1885, and, though the plant was totally destroyed by fire in July, 1894, it was immediately rebuilt. The works are comprised in three substantial buildings, embracing factory, warehouse and office, and occupy half a city square. The mechanical equipment is of the latest improved character, is operated by two engines,



steam and gas, and furnishes employment to 125 skilled workmen. The works are brilliantly lighted by an independent electric plant on the premises, which also supplies light to the residences of the proprietors and those of many of the workmen in the vicinity. The products comprise the Perfect Self-Measuring Oil Tank, Siphon, and other high grade specialties. The former is designed for dealers in oils, and its use insures economy, safety and neatness. The self-measuring attachment insures absolutely perfect measurement, the siphon secures ease in refilling the tank, and an indicator tells approximately the amount of oil in the tank. Over 50,000 are in use, with perfect satisfaction to users. The firm's products are the invention of Mr. S. F. Bowser, who is one of Fort Wayne's most progressive and enterprising business men, and who has made this establishment one of the most important industries of this city.

FALK & LAMLEY.

**Distillers' Agents and Wholesale Dealers in Wines and Liquors,
17 E. Columbia St.**

This house, founded in 1876, is one of the oldest of the kind here and is also one of the largest holders of fine foreign and domestic liquors, in stock and in bond, in Indiana. This firm is sole agent in this market for a number of famous distillers, and imports direct all kinds of fine wines, liquors and cordials. The stock carried embraces many brands of Kentucky, Pennsylvania and Maryland rye and bourbon whiskies of national and tried reputation. The firm makes a leading specialty of the celebrated Brooklyn Handicap rye whiskey, which is widely admired for its smooth and delicious flavor, rare bouquet, and uniform reliability. All the goods supplied in glass bottles by this firm are bottled under their own direction and are warranted exactly as represented. A trade is transacted that extends throughout a radius of 100 miles or more from Fort Wayne, requiring the services of several traveling salesmen. The members of the firm Messrs. Leopold Falk and Moses Lamley are both progressive and enterprising business men and closely identified with the progress of Fort Wayne.

PARAGON MANUFACTURING CO.

**Manufacturers of Ladies' Suits, Children's Dresses, Etc.,
Fort Wayne, Ind.**

One of the more recent additions to the artistic industries of this city is the Paragon Manufacturing Co., of which Messrs. MacDougal & Co. are proprietors, and which was established in November, 1893. From the inception of the company's business a leading position has been attained in the market for the products, which are everywhere recognized as artistic and tasteful in design, faultless in style, excellent in workmanship and finish and choice in fabrics. The company manufactures ladies' suits, wrappers and waists and children's wash dresses, which are made in a great variety of styles and many materials, presenting a most desirable line for dry goods and suit houses and the general trade. Already the company's trade-mark is recognized by the trade as a guarantee of standard workmanship and a demand has been built up for the products that extends generally throughout the great commercial centres of the United States. The manufacturing facilities of the company are embraced in a four-story brick factory 50x140 feet in dimensions, which is fully equipped with all necessary cutting, sewing and other machines, operated by steam power, and employment is given to about two hundred operatives, who have been chosen for their intelligence and skill. The output of the factory is about 120 dozen garments per day, and the management is taxed to its full capacity to keep up with current orders. The facilities of the house, however, are such as to enable them to promptly supply the trade and with the best goods of the kind on the market.

D. S. REDELSHEIMER & CO.,

**Manufacturers of Overalls, Sack Coats, Pants, Etc., 37 and 39
W. Main St.**

A leading house devoted to this branch of trade in Fort Wayne is that of Messrs. D. S. Redelsheimer & Co., which was founded in 1880, and has since built up a trade that extends generally throughout the Central and Western States, and is annually increasing in volume. The factory is embraced in a three-story building, 40x82 feet in dimensions, which is equipped with cutting and sewing machines and furnishes employment to about seventy-five operatives. The products consist of overalls, sack coats and jackets,



worsted and cotton pants, etc., for working men's use, and they are distinguished for the reliable character of the materials used, careful workmanship, durability and general excellence, and are widely recognized as the very best class of goods of the kind, while at the same time the prices are as low as is possible to be obtained elsewhere. Indeed this has been the aim of the management from the inception of the business—the production of a line of goods that should be both cheap and serviceable. The members of the firm are enterprising and progressive business men, and no house in the trade excels this one in the superior character of its product nor in the fair and liberal business policy which governs all its transactions.

SAM, PETE & MAX.

Clothiers, Hatters and Furnishers, 58 Calhoun Street.

The great clothing and furnishing goods house of Messrs. Mautner & Friedlich is widely known throughout this city and surrounding territory by its familiar title of Sam, Pete & Max. The house was founded in 1873 and is the oldest and largest concern of the kind in Fort Wayne. The main salesroom is a splendid room, attractively appointed, and divided into departments for ready-made clothing, gents' furnishing goods and hats, and the stock carried embraces the finest grades of clothing for business and dress wear, which in all the attributes of style fit, finish and material are fully equal to the productions of the best custom-tailors, with the further advantage of being much less in price. Much of the stock is of the firm's own manufacture, and they have never descended from their lofty aim to supply the most reliable goods at the lowest possible prices.

WING & MAHURIN,

Architects, 41 and 42 Pixley & Long Block.

The profession of the architect requires great natural talent, much study and research, a thorough scientific and mechanical training, a complete knowledge of the value of building materials and of the most approved methods of construction, as well as large practical experience for its successful prosecution. These and all other essential requisites are combined in a marked degree in the



firm of Messrs. Wing & Mahurin, whose enterprise was originally instituted in 1875, by Mr. J. F. Wing, the present partnership having been formed in 1880. Among the notable buildings designed by Messrs. Wing & Mahurin, which are widely recognized as fine examples of modern architecture, are the Fort Wayne City Building, the Indiana School for Feeble Minded Youth, the Fort Wayne Fire Department Central Station, the Y. M. C. A. building, the Pixley & Long building, the Elektron, the Sængerbund

Club building and the White Bank building, and besides these and others the firm have planned upwards of \$200,000 worth of fine residences in this city. They are fully prepared to furnish plans and superintend the construction of buildings of all kinds. By reason of the high reputation enjoyed by this firm for originality and artistic skill, their professional services are in demand over an ever widening territory, and in this city they are looked upon as the leaders in their art.

MICHAEL BALTES,

Manufacturer of Huntington White Lime and Dealer in Montpelier Blue Limestone, Building Materials, Etc., 3 Harrison St.

This house was established in 1860, and has ever since been conducted upon a liberal and enlightened business policy. Its headquarters are located on the Nickel Plate railroad, affording the most economical receiving and shipping facilities. The stock carried embraces the famous Huntington white lime, which is obtained direct from the quarries and kilns in Huntington county, and is shipped all over the United States. About 1,000,000 bushels of lime are manufactured each year. The celebrated Montpelier blue limestone, which is the only good building stone shipped to Fort Wayne, and can be guaranteed to resist frost and hold its color at all times, and will not freeze and shell off, is an important specialty. He also handles bridge stone and crushed stone, all of which are quarried at his own quarry at Montpelier, Ind., and upwards of 600 car loads of this stone are shipped to Fort Wayne and other markets. Mr. Baltes is also manager for the Western Lime Co., manufacturers of Huntington white lime and dealers in cement, plaster, hair, lath, stone, sewer pipe, fire brick, etc., and masons' building materials generally. Mr. Baltes is a progressive business man, and offers inducements and advantages to customers not easily duplicated elsewhere.

GRINDLE & BRADLEY,

Artistic Designers, Bass Block.

A recent and important addition to the resources of Fort Wayne, and one which has been called into request by the growth of artistic taste in this community, is the enterprise of Messrs. Grindle & Bradley, who commenced operations early in the present year as artistic designers of furniture, mantels, ecclesiastic, domestic and commercial interior finish, art metal work, and decorations. The firm offer their services to the public and manufacturers, and are prepared with all facilities for designing anything in their line in the most artistic manner, either after suggestions by patrons or to harmonize with other surroundings, or from original ideas and conceptions of their own. The members of the firm are Messrs. Alfred Grindle and Nelson L. Bradley, who are artistic designers of large experience and high reputation. Al-

ready the firm has given ample evidence of ability, taste and discernment, and examples of work are available for the inspection of patrons. The firm solicits correspondence on the subject of artistic decorations, and the utmost satisfaction and commendation of discriminating customers are assured all who may take advantage of the opportunities offered for securing high class and artistic work in their line.

BOSS ROASTER MANUFACTURING CO.,

Manufacturers of the "Boss" Roaster and Baker, Office: 372 South Calhoun St.



The most important improvement ever introduced in culinary apparatus is the "Boss" Roaster and Baker, manufactured by the Boss Roaster Manufacturing Co. of this city. This company, of which Messrs. Daniel Klotz and Gottlieb Haller are the proprietors, was originally instituted in March, 1891, the present firm having succeeded to the business in January, 1893. The "Boss" Roaster and Baker consists of an oblong pan so arranged that the cover fits air tight, thereby preventing all steam from escaping and thus preserving all the juices and nutritious qualities of the

meats and other articles of food being cooked. The "Boss" Roaster and Baker is equally useful for roasting meats, baking bread, biscuits, pies, cakes, etc., and for roasting apples, potatoes, and vegetables, and for steaming fruits it has no equal. The contents of the roaster can be examined at any time by simply drawing out the sliding lid, and meats are browned a handsome color by removing the ventilator at the top a short time before ready for the table. Food cooked in this roaster is much nicer and finer flavored than by any other known method, and a great saving is made every time it is used. It is the simplest, the best and the cheapest utensil of the kind on the market, and thousands of them are in use for general cooking purposes and giving the utmost satisfaction in all cases. They are made in several sizes, from sheet steel, and are strong and durable, easily understood by any housekeeper, and are adapted for use on any kind of a stove. They sell on sight, and the company wants agents in every town and city in the United States, to whom exclusive right of territory will be given and protection against other agents guaranteed. Any industrious man or woman of intelligence can secure a profitable income by representing this company in any part of the Union. Ten thousand "Boss" Roasters have been sold in Fort Wayne alone.

THE PAPE FURNITURE CO.**Fine Furniture, 28 & 30 E. Berry St.**

One of the most prominent establishments in Northern Indiana engaged in the furniture trade is the Pape Furniture Co., which was founded in 1880, under its present management, and has since achieved a wide-spread popularity and prominence. The premises are centrally located and attractively arranged, and possess every convenience for the display of the wares, the comfort of patrons and the ease of making selections. The stock carried is very large and complete and comprises all the latest novelties and prevailing styles in parlor, library and chamber furniture, hall and dining-room furniture, chairs, rockers, sofas, cabinets, sideboards, etc., either plain or heavily ornamented and carved. The company manufactures special styles of furniture to order and upholsters all their own furniture, and all their goods bear the imprint of the very highest style of workmanship. While all furniture handled by this house is the best of the kind in the market, the prices named are as low as is consistent with quality. The proprietors of the enterprise are Messrs. Clarence E. Shell and A. C. Buettel, wide-awake, clear-headed and energetic business men, who have built up a large trade solely on the basis of meritorious goods.

L. WILKENING,**Manufacturer of Fine Jewelry and Artistic Diamond Setter, 81
Calhoun St., Rooms 1 & 2.**

Mr. Wilkening has been continuously engaged in the practical manufacture of fine jewelry since 1866, and during the interval since elapsed has been in the employ of such houses as Tiffany & Co., New York; Caldwell & Co., Philadelphia, and Duhme & Co., Cincinnati, where he acquired a rare knowledge of the most advanced methods in the production of fine jewelry. His skill and taste in designing jewelry are of the highest character, and all his productions bear the imprint of artistic discernment. He manufactures all kinds of jewelry to order, and makes a leading specialty of mounting and setting diamonds and other precious stones in the most approved modern styles. His products consist largely of badges, society emblems, jewels for secret fraternities, presentation medals and memorials, and jewelry of special design, as well as general repairing. The trade of the house extends generally throughout the city and vicinity and is with the jewelry dealers as well as the public at large, and the reputation of the house for high-class and artistic work is of the most enviable nature. Mr. Wilkening is an intelligent and progressive business man and is highly esteemed in this community, while his undoubted skill at his art entitles him to the pronounced success he has attained since the inception of his establishment.

CITY CARRIAGE WORKS.

Manufacturers of Fine Carriages, Cor. Barr and Main Sts.

In the van of progress and advanced ideas is the old-established and widely known City Carriage Works, which has been under the management of the present owners, Messrs. Dudenhoefer and Bueker, for the last eighteen years. The plant is embraced in a four-story brick factory, 60x160 feet in dimensions, which is fully equipped with all requisite machinery and appliances for the production of first-class light vehicles, employment being given to a large number of skilled workmen. The products embrace a complete line of extension and canopy top carriages, surries, phaetons, buggies and road wagons, which are made with great care, and are



as perfect as good material and workmanship can make them. They are all made from new designs and are handsomely finished and warranted to be fully equal to the best in the market. The trade is both wholesale and retail and extends generally throughout the United States, and wherever their carriages have been introduced they enjoy the highest favor with the trade and consumers. For the accommodation of the home market a repository is maintained and a full line of finished carriages is displayed, and for the coming season a splendid line of new styles is shown. Both members of the firm are practical carriage makers and give their close personal supervision to all the operations of the business in the interest of perfection of product. They are enterprising and progressive business men, anxious to maintain their house at the head of their trade, and relations formed with them are sure to prove pleasant and permanent.

ALBERT COPINUS,**The Wayne Produce Co., 25 E. Columbia St.**

The Wayne Produce Co., of which Mr. Albert Copinus is proprietors was established in 1893, and has since attained a position in the van of the commercial progress of the city, and acquired a trade that extends throughout a large section of Indiana, Ohio and Michigan. The premises occupied are provided with all conveniences for caring for perishable stock and the prompt fulfillment of orders. The house handles all kinds of produce and fruits on commission, and is constantly receiving choice consignments, its relations with shippers being such as to command the confidence and esteem of all with whom it has business transactions. In all departments of the business the most advanced methods prevail, and as this city and tributary territory form a large outlet for food supplies, consignments of anything in the line will meet with quick sales and prompt returns. The house makes a specialty of foreign fruits, oranges, lemons, bananas, etc., as well as berries, melons, peaches and other fresh fruits in season, and early southern vegetables are also largely handled. Mr. Copinus is a gentleman of wide experience in the business and is thoroughly conversant with all the requirements of the trade.

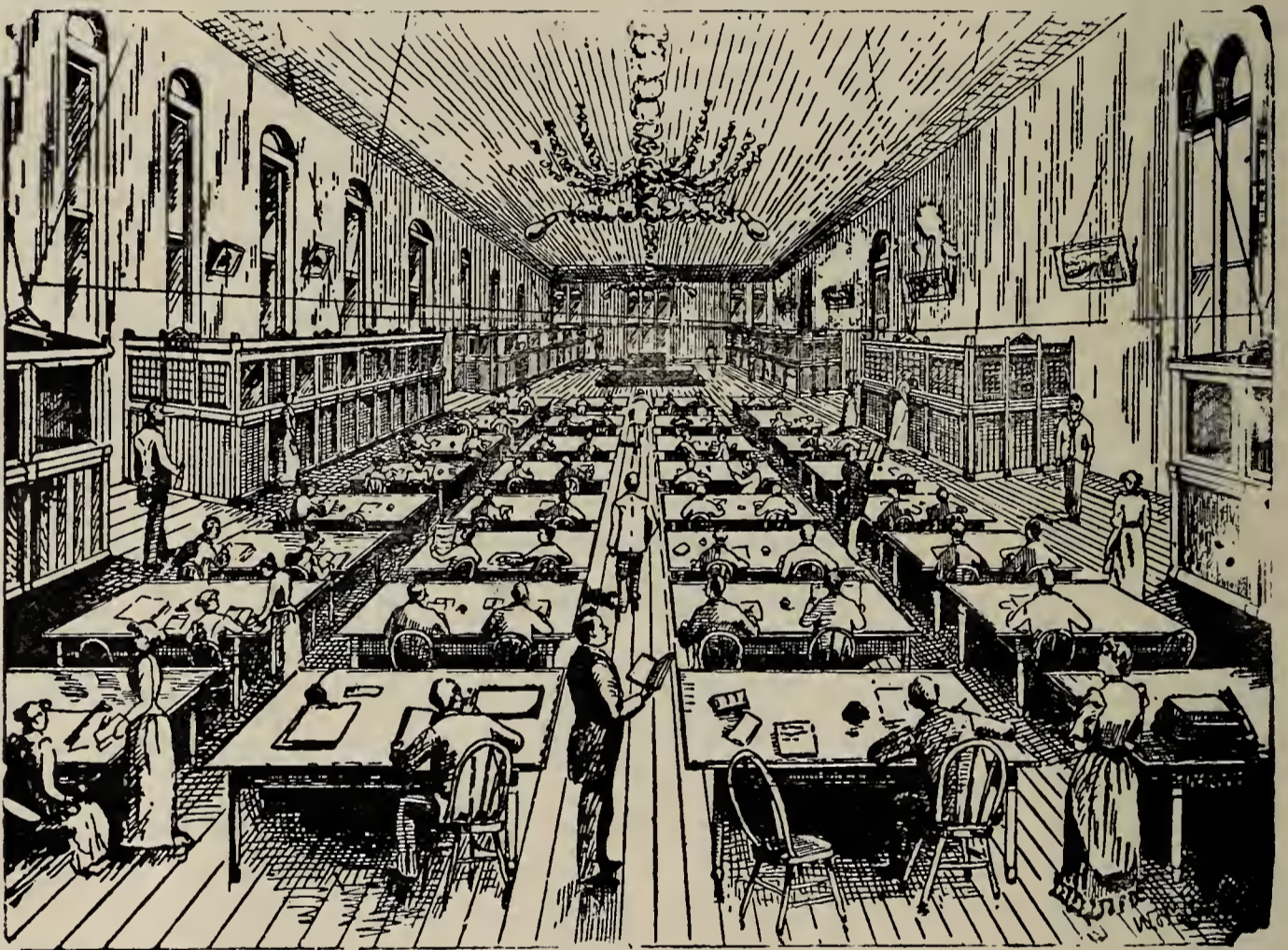
ROBERT OGDEN,**Plumber and Steam and Gas Fitter, 26 E. Berry St.**

A leading exponent of the progress made in the plumbing and steam and gas fitting trade of this city is Mr. Robert Ogden, who is a thoroughly practical workman, and his enterprise, established about thirty-five years ago, is one of the oldest of the kind in Fort Wayne. The headquarters for the business are embraced in commodious and centrally located premises, and employment is given to fifteen skilled workmen. The stock carried embraces all kinds of sanitary plumbing materials, steam and gas fittings, valves, gauges, steam and hot water heaters, etc. Mr. Ogden makes a specialty of sanitary plumbing and scientific heating and ventilating of public buildings, private residences, etc., and he has installed complete heating plants, plumbing apparatus and gas fitting in many of the principal public and private edifices of Fort Wayne and vicinity, and with universal satisfaction to property owners. He undertakes contracts for steam and hot water heating and installs anyone of the several approved systems that may be desired, guaranteeing the most skillful work in all cases. He is the inventor and patentee of a superior and improved gas burner for heating purposes, which has met with great success and is unequalled for efficiency, durability and economy by anything of the kind in the market. In all departments of the business the most advanced methods are available and greatest accommodations are afforded patrons. The enterprise is an important feature of the trade resources of this city, and its success is as pronounced as it is well merited.

INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS COLLEGE.

T. L. Staples, Prop., Cor. Calhoun and Washington Sts.

The International Business College, established in 1890 by Mr. T. L. Staples, is exactly what its name implies, a school for imparting a practical knowledge of business methods, and it has come to be one of the most celebrated institutions of the kind in the Central Western States. The college is pleasantly located in the Schmitz block, and is readily reached by the electric street car lines which pass the doors. The class rooms are perfectly appointed, the many windows afford an excellent light, and the college is a very pleasant and agreeable place in which a thorough business training may be acquired. The college is well heated and ventilated, and is approached by an elevator. Prof. Staples is as-



sisted by efficient teachers, each an expert in his specialty, and the course of instruction includes both theoretical and practical business training in all its branches; embracing bookkeeping, penmanship, banking, commercial law, commercial correspondence, business forms, arithmetic, accounting, etc. Special instruction is also given in shorthand, typewriting and mechanical and free-hand drawing, which may be pursued separately or in connection with the regular business course. The college is open during the entire year, and students of both sexes are admitted at any time, the instruction being given personally to each, and evening sessions are also held. Many successful men and women owe no small measure of their prosperity to the accomplishments and culture they have acquired under the instruction of Prof. Staples. The services of the graduates of this college are in demand at all times by business men here and elsewhere.

WAYNE HOTEL.**W. M. McKinnie, Prop., West Columbia St.**

The Wayne, the leading and largest hotel of Fort Wayne, has long been famous with travelers and tourists as a strictly first-class hotel. The building which is a stately four story brick and stone structure, is contiguous to the business center of the city, and it is provided with every modern convenience and comfort for its guests. The office, lobby and reading rooms are on the ground floor and have just been redecorated and renovated in a most attractive and cheerful manner. The hotel is heated throughout by steam, lighted by gas and incandescent lamps; the rooms are connected by electric call bells and a general fire-alarm system and the sanitary and ventilating conditions have been made as perfect as modern investigation has made possible. There are about one hundred and twenty-five rooms for guests, all light, airy, comfortable and furnished in a luxurious manner, and large and convenient sample rooms are available for the use of commercial travelers. The culinary department is presided over by an accomplished chef, and the table is remarkable for its lavish and selected fare. The dining room is a handsomely appointed and inviting apartment, and in all departments of the hotel the service is unobtrusive and uniformly satisfactory. The proprietor, Mr. W. M. McKinnie, is of a family of bonifaces, and is an experienced landlord, a genial entertainer and a liberal provider.

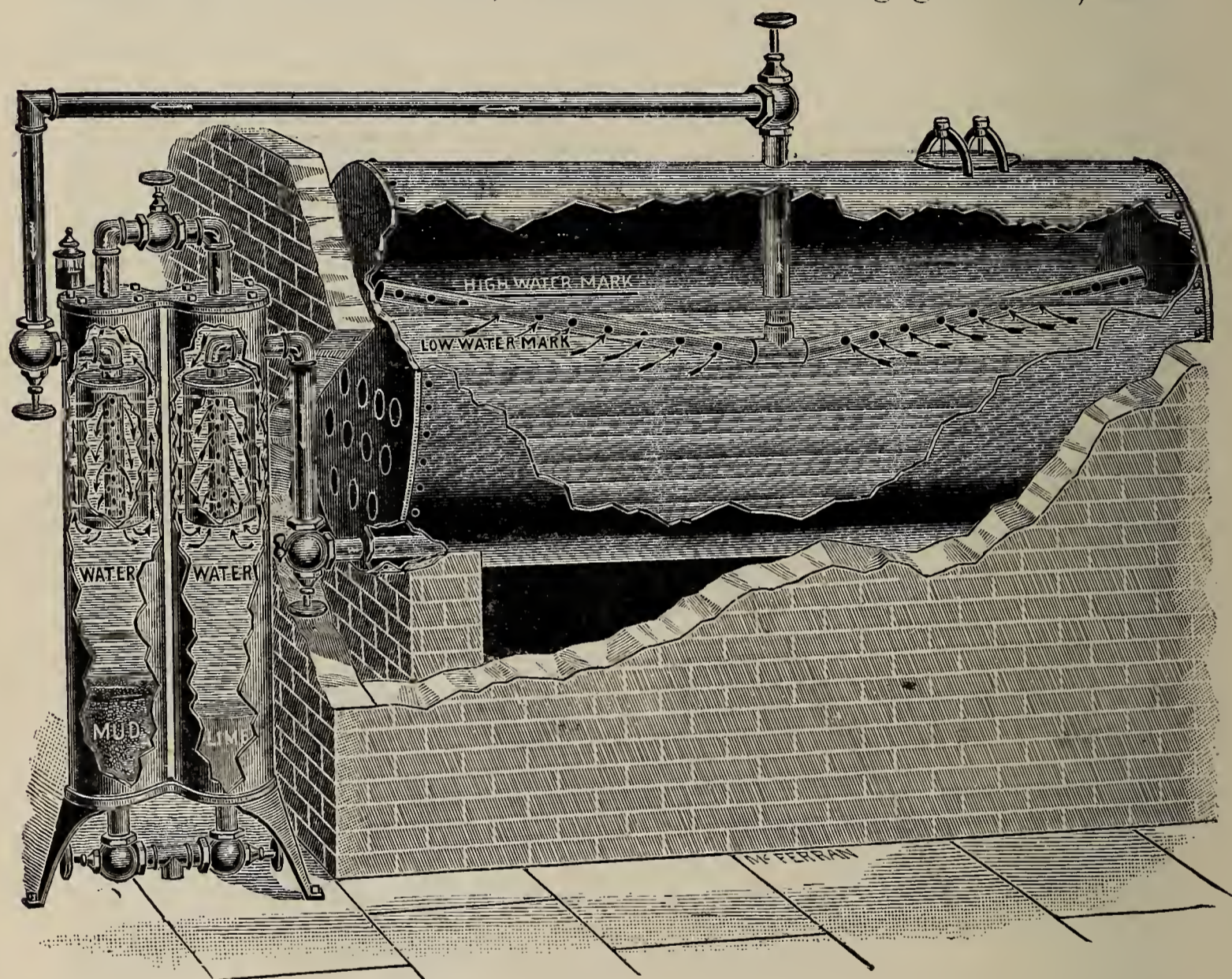
**KELLER, EDMUNDS & LAW ELECTRIC CONSTRUCTION CO.,
4 Schmitz Block.**

This important and progressive enterprise was established Nov. 5, 1894, and is the outgrowth of the demands of modern methods for advanced conveniences. The members of the firm Messrs. A. J. Keller, F. W. Edmunds and Herbert J. Law, the two latter being experienced electrical engineers. The company is in possession of all facilities for the erection, construction and maintenance of electric lighting and power plants, and for the supply of all kinds of electrical appliances and apparatus for private residences, public buildings, commercial establishments and manufacturing factories. They undertake contracts for incandescent wiring, supply hotel annunciators and electric call bells, electrical and combination fixtures, gas and electric shades, incandescent lamps, and install electric door bells, batteries, etc. A specialty of the firm is the erection of isolated electric lighting plants. The firm erected the electrical work for Meyer Bros. & Co., the Globe Mills, St. John Lutheran Church, residence of Chas. Bond, etc. With unsurpassed facilities, a natural capacity for the work and ample resources, the management of this company offers its services to the public, here and elsewhere, with the assurance of faithful execution of contracts and commendable promptness, and its continued growth and prominence may be confidently predicted to be on the same line as has its past useful record.

THE COOK AUTOMATIC BOILER CLEANER CO.

Fort Wayne, Ind.

The Cook Automatic Boiler Cleaner was patented May 10, 1892, by Mr. Jerome Cook, and this date marks an epoch in modern steam engineering, since this device is the only one of practical value that has ever been invented for keeping steam boilers free from scale. Briefly, the Cook Automatic Boiler Cleaner is an apparatus for skimming off the impurities from the top of the water in a steam boiler, while steam is being generated, and



which at first always boil up to the top and float. The apparatus is simple in construction, easily attached to the boiler, requires no renewals or costly repairs, and is absolutely efficient in use. It not only extracts all sediment from all kinds of water and effectually prevents the formation of any scale whatever, but also removes the scale already in boilers within a short time after being attached. The company has seven (7) pages of enthusiastic testimonials from those who are using the boiler cleaners, commending their efficiency in the highest degree. The company offers to attach the machine to any boiler on trial without expense until it proves its efficiency. Mr. Jerome Cook, the inventor, is superintendent of the company. To all who have experienced the dis-

satisfaction arising from the use of feed water purifiers, solvents, compounds, etc., the Cook Automatic Boiler Cleaner will prove a great boon. Inquiries addressed to the A. B. C. Co., Fort Wayne, will receive prompt attention.

EDMUND H. COOMBS.

Jobber of Iron, Steel and Carriage Material, 27 E. Columbia St.

Since early in 1894 this important house has been controlled by Mr. Edmund H. Coombs, who had previously been a traveling salesman through the neighboring territory for another house in the same line. Occupying extensive premises and employing eight assistants and a number of traveling salesmen, prompt fulfillment of orders is assured. The stock embraces merchant bar iron and steel, wagon and carriage hardware, carriage trimmings and carriage and wagon materials, which are offered at lowest prices. The operations of the business are conducted upon a liberal and fair dealing policy and relations entered into with the house are sure to become pleasant and permanent. Mr. Coombs is a broad-guage and progressive business man and ambitious to excel in accommodations to customers, and the success he has already attained is an earnest of what he will accomplish in the future.

THE MERCANTILE AGENCY, R. G. DUN & CO.,

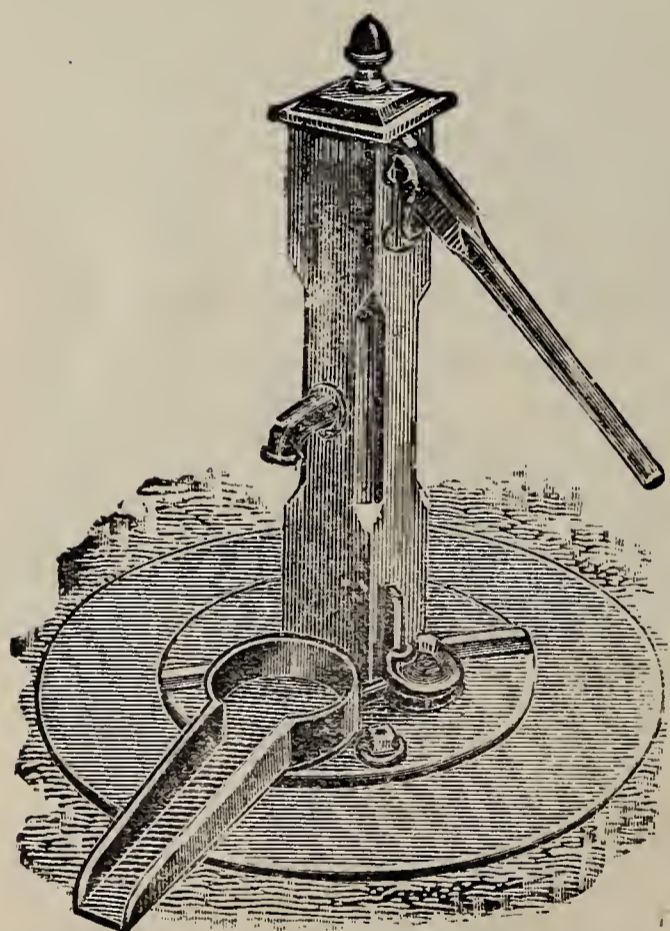
F. V. Culbertson, Manager, 36 & 37 Pixley & Long Block,

The question of credit is of vital interest to the business community and anything that aims to protect and help the business man in the extension of his credit is worthy of confidence. The more thorough the system the greater the benefit. At the head of the few organizations instituted with this object in view stands The Mercantile Agency of R. G. Dun & Co., which was established in 1841 in New York, eight years before any other agency, and is therefore the oldest concern of the kind in the world. This firm has 150 branch offices in the United States, Canada, Great Britain, Germany, France and Australia. In this city the branch is conducted under the able and experienced management of Mr. F. V. Culbertson, and it has made a record of usefulness not exceeded elsewhere. One of the great secrets of the success earned by this organization is the thorough and systematic manner in which its reports are completed. Each office sends out traveling reporters over its entire territory regularly, at least once each year, to some places much oftener. These men are trained to the work, visit every cross-roads town and county seat in the whole country and ascertain on the ground by personal investigation the status and condition of all traders. The firm has in its employ thousands of the ablest authorities upon the financial standing of the business people in every community, who are constantly furnishing the firm with the benefits and results of their knowledge. This sys-

tematic work entails large outlay, but is found to be the only true way to do the business, which depends so much upon the reliability of the information rendered. In connection with the business the collection department for the collection of debts in any part of the United States and Canada is one of its chief features. This department is in charge of able lawyers and is in high favor with those who have occasion to use its facilities. It is gratifying to know that The Mercantile Agency is patronized by the banks, manufacturers and merchants of Fort Wayne and vicinity, as well as of the whole country, and it certainly invites the cordial support of all who transact a business where credit is given and obtained.

C. M. MENEFEE,

**Manufacturer of Safety Cistern Covers, Brass and Iron Castings,
Fort Wayne, Ind.**



The enterprise of Mr. C. M. Menefee, established in 1891, has since attained a widespread reputation for superior products, and in its specialty of safety cistern and well covers has developed a large and growing trade that reaches generally throughout the country. The premises occupied for the business are comprised in two commodious buildings, which are fully equipped with all necessary tools and appliances for the manufacture of all kinds of light and medium iron and brass castings, employment being given to a force of skilled workmen. The safety cistern and well cover, patented Sept. 12, 1893, is the most substantial device of the kind ever invented. It is made of cast iron, in several pieces, and in

different sizes and styles to fit any kind of cistern or well, and adapted to any make of pump. It is always neat, clean and safe, and effectually prevents any dirt or vermin from entering the cistern, as is the case where wood cistern covers are used. As it is absolutely indestructible, there is never any danger of anyone falling into the cistern, by reason of the decay of the cover, as so frequently occurs with wood covers, and withal it is cheap as any other. Thousands of these covers are in use and are everywhere giving the greatest satisfaction. Mr. Menefee is a practical manufacturer and an enterprising business man, and his pronounced success adds still further to the industrial supremacy of Fort Wayne.

SEAVEY HARDWARE CO.

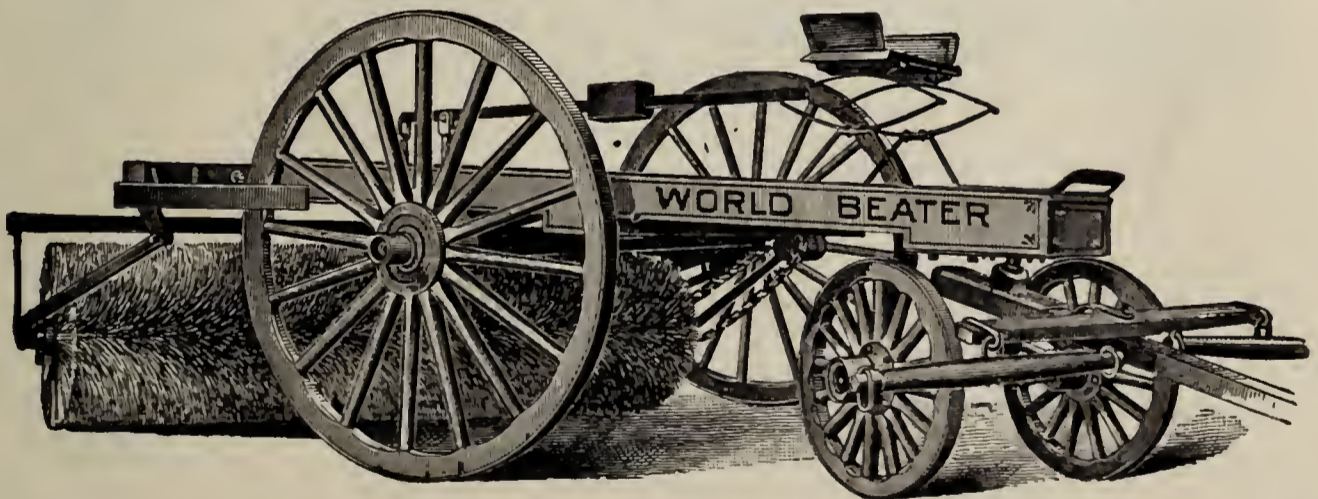
Wholesale and Retail Dealers in Hardware, Stoves, Etc., 19 and 21 W. Main St.

The Seavey Hardware Co. was founded in November, 1890, and has since developed a trade that extends generally throughout Indiana, Illinois, Michigan and Ohio. The premises embrace a four-story and basement building 40x130 feet in dimensions. The company deals in all kinds of builders' and shelf hardware, mechanics' tools, table and pocket cutlery, stoves and ranges, steel ranges, tin ware and house furnishing utensils, and also manufacture a full line of peiced tin ware, as well as contracts for steam and hot water heating, plumbing, gas fitting, and galvanized and sheet iron work. Specialties are made of the Favorite stoves and ranges and the Majestic steel ranges. In the several departments of the business employment is given to twenty-five assistants, and a number of traveling salesman represent the house on the road. The proprietors of the enterprise are Messrs. George W. Stilson, and Jas. H. Leonard and Mrs. A. R. Seavey, who are closely identified with the advancement of Fort Wayne.

FLEMING MANUFACTURING CO.

Improved Road Making Machinery, Fort Wayne.

This enterprise was instituted in 1881 by Jonathan Fleming and Charles Pape, and has since become familiar wherever good roads are found. The company manufacture road-making machines, drag and wheel scrapers, stone-crushers, street sweepers and road plows; their improved Fort Wayne steel reversible road machine,



with extensible axle, being the lightest draft road machine on the market. All the machinery constructed by this company is made on scientific principles and is specially designed for use, and it has proved in actual use durable, powerful and efficient. Descriptive catalogues of the products may be obtained upon application, and the company wants agents everywhere. Mr. Chas. Pape is the sole proprietor of the enterprise. It is an important factor of the industries of the city and has accomplished untold benefits in the cause of good roads.

**WHITE NATIONAL BANK,
Corner Clinton and Wayne Streets.**

This is the youngest of the national banks of Fort Wayne, having been organized April 25, 1892, but in all other respects it is fully on a par with its older cotemporaries, and in some, notably its handsome banking house, it is in the advance. The White National Bank building is one of the most imposing and architecturally handsome commercial structures of the city, and the in-



terior arrangements, fittings and finish of the counting room and director's rooms, which occupy the entire ground floor of the building, are unsurpassed for richness and elegance, even in metropolitan centers. The banking rooms are finished in hard woods, heavily ornamented, with plate glass windows and massive fire and burglar proof vault and safes, and form a fitting home for so stable an institution. The vault contains safe deposit boxes of various sizes for rental to customers at moderate charges for storing valuables, securities, etc. The bank transacts a general banking business utilizing every modern method and facility for the accommodation of customers. The capital of the bank is \$200,000, and its surplus is \$25,000, besides which it has \$3,773.25, in undivided profits, and its total resources March 9, 1895, were \$811,802.03, certainly a most excellent showing for an institution hardly three years old. The following named gentlemen who are substantial representatives of capital, enterprise and integrity in this community, form the executive management: President,

John W. White; vice-president, Thos. B. Hedekin, cashier, Harry A. Keplinger; assistant cashier, Gustave G. Detzer; directors, J. B. White, R. L. Romy, T. B. Hedekin, R. T. McDonald, Sol. Rothschild, J. W. White, D. C. Fisher.

L. O. HULL,

Wall Paper and Decorations, 90 Calhoun St.

This house was established in 1870, and has since accomplished a vast amount of work in its special line throughout the city and vicinity. Its facilities embrace a large stock of artistic wall paper, decorations, window curtains, etc., and the employment of a force of skilled workmen and artists, all of whose operations are closely supervised by the proprietor. Mr. Hull undertakes every description of interior decorative work in fresco, papier mache, French applique, paper hanging, painting, etc., and makes a specialty of the interior embellishment of private residences, public buildings, cafes, clubs, etc. Novelty of effect is cultivated, and the finest work, with prompt service and lowest prices are assured all patrons. All kinds of house and sign painting are also accomplished, for which unusual facilities are available. Mr. Hull has executed the work in many of the most elegant private residences in Fort Wayne, and those requiring his services will find him prompt, reliable and fair dealing. An illustration of The Castle, Mr. Hulls' residence, will be found on page 7.

A. D. ORDWAY,

Architect, 12 & 13 Schmitz Block.

Mr. A. D. Ordway has attained a high reputation for marked talent and ability as an architect and the examples of his work in this city and elsewhere prove him to be a zealous and talented follower in the foot-paths of the great Michael Angelo. Mr. Ordway occupies a handsome suite of offices in the Schmitz block, divided into designing and conference apartments and he is assisted by a competent force of draughtsmen. He devotes his personal attention to making designs and plans for residences, public buildings, ecclesiastical structures, etc., furnishing estimates, superintending construction and completion and otherwise promoting the interests of clients, and faithfully discharging the duties of the trusts committed to his discretion and execution. He is the author of the designs from which the handsome residences of Mr. R. L. Romy and F. M. Tillbury were erected as well as those of many other prominent and stately buildings in Fort Wayne and other cities, and he is widely accepted as an expert and accomplished architect. Although located in this city but little more than one year, Mr. Ordway has been engaged in his art since 1879, and his skill is the result of years of patient study and practical experience.

WESTMINSTER SEMINARY.

Miss Caroline B. Sharp and Mrs. Delphine B. Wells, Principals,
251 W. Main St.

No single feature of modern educational methods is of such paramount importance as that devoted to the formation of high character and noble aspirations in the daughters of the republic. Fort Wayne is happily in possession of an institution for the higher education of young ladies—the Westminster Seminary—that combines in its course of training the physical, mental and



spiritual culture of its pupils, after the most approved and well developed ideas, acquired by an experience on the part of its principals, covering a quarter of a century's devotion to educational work. The Westminster Seminary was opened Sept. 14, 1883, and its career has ever since been one of success, steady advance in the esteem of patrons and honor and credit to both pupils and principals. The accommodations for students are more homelike than institutional, and embrace large, airy rooms, pleasant parlors, broad porches, shaded grounds, pure water, carefully selected library, studio and gymnasium buildings, and facilities for caring for twenty-five boarders, and a larger number of day scholars. The courses of study cover every need, from the highest to the most comprehensive, for young ladies of fourteen years and upwards, each course requiring five years for its completion, and

one course adapts pupils to enter the higher colleges for women. In music and the arts exceptional advantages are offered, and in all departments the faculty is composed of specialists of known talent and high accomplishments, whose methods are such as develop self-reliant thinkers. The training and influence of Westminster Seminary are distinctively and positively Christian, and each pupil receives the personal care of the principals and is trained, guarded and developed as an own daughter. The accessibility, healthfulness and metropolitan advantages of Fort Wayne commend it as an excellent location for such a school, and while affording unsurpassed advantages in instructive departments and unusual ones in the refined and homelike attractions, the very moderate expense of the services rendered makes the Westminster Seminary an educational institution for young ladies that is worthy the investigation of all parents.

DANIEL SHORDON.

Agricultural Implements and Seeds, East Columbia Street.

Mr. Daniel Shordon is the senior dealer in agricultural implements and seeds in Fort Wayne, having instituted his business in 1870. His stock embraces agricultural implements and machinery, buggies and family carriages, farm wagons, harness and field and garden seeds. He is sole agent in this market for the celebrated Deering harvesting machinery. These machines combine in their designs all the latest improvements known to harvesting machinery, together with the best workmanship and most durable materials. They are the strongest machines ever invented and have acquitted themselves triumphantly in every competition. This enterprise is one of the most important sources of supply for agricultural implements and seeds in Northern Indiana, and the merits of its specialties should be investigated by all who contemplate the purchase of anything in its line.

WM. MOELLERING,

Brick Manufacturer; Office, 53 to 59 Murray St.; Yards, So. Fairfield Ave.

One of the most important factors in the growth and development of Fort Wayne is the extensive brick manufacturing plant of Mr. William Moellering, which was established about thirteen years ago, and has since annually turned out large quantities of superior brick for building purposes. The plant, located in the southern suburbs of the city, covers ninety acres, and is fully equipped with all the latest improved brick making machinery and appliances, employment being given to one hundred workmen during the season, and the output reaching about 5,000,000 brick annually, which are distributed to the trade in this city and also shipped to other places.

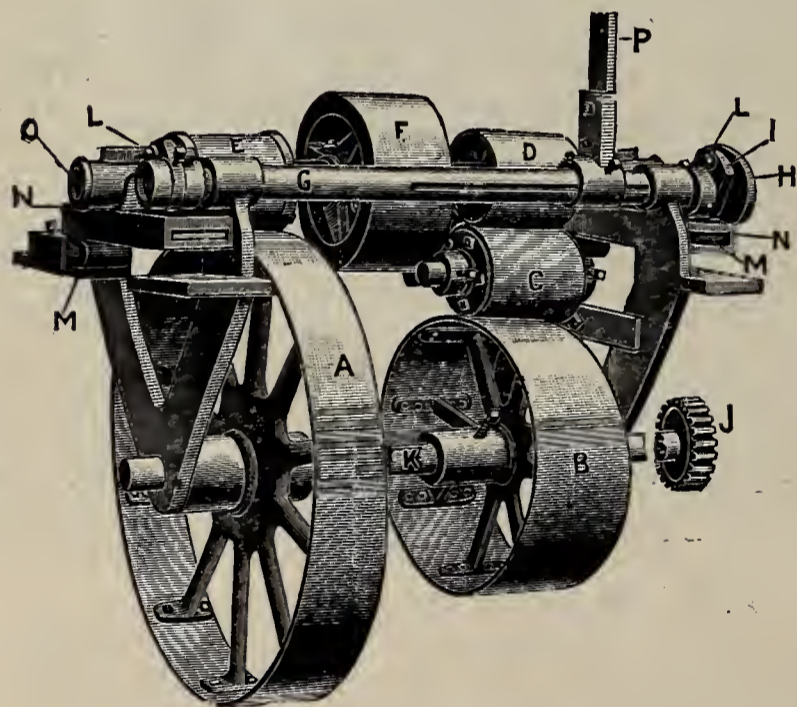
R. KLEIN,

Practical Furrier, 20 E. Washington St.

Mr. Klein, who is a practical furrier and manufacturer of fur garments, has been actively engaged in the trade since 1857, at which date he commenced operations in New York, and removed his enterprise to this city early the present year. He is in possession of all facilities for the manufacture of fine furs and fur garments, and to supply both a wholesale and retail demand. He makes a specialty of the manufacture of fine seal garments to order, and a cape or sacque thus obtained possesses an individuality and gives a charm to the wearer only to be imparted by an expert in the business, and which is lacking in garments obtained from ordinary dry goods stores. Particular attention is given to remodeling and repairing seal garments. All kinds of raw furs are purchased, for which the highest market prices are paid. Mr. Klein is rapidly developing a high reputation for superior products.

CHARLES BOWMAN,

Saw Works, 37 Pearl Street.



The enterprise of Mr. Charles Bowman was established in 1886, and has since become an important and growing feature of the mechanical resources of Fort Wayne, a trade having been developed for its products and services that extends throughout all parts of the United States. The manufacturing plant is comprised in a two-story building, 20x50 feet in dimensions, which is equipped with all necessary machinists' tools,

operated by steam power, and furnishes employment to a force of skilled workmen. A specialty is made of the manufacture of Bowman's patent saw-mill feed machine, which is in use by lumber manufacturers everywhere, and is widely recognized as the most perfect device of the kind in the market. Saw repairing of all kinds is also done in the most skillful manner, and the house has the only perfect machine in this part of the country for grinding planing machine knives, paper cutter knives, etc., which class of work is solicited. Experimental machinery is made to order with promptness. Mr. Bowman is a practical and expert saw maker and a progressive business man. This establishment is another link in the chain of Fort Wayne's industrial supremacy.

AL. HAZARD.**Manufacturer of Fine Cigars, 11 E. Main St.**

Mr. Al. Hazard established his house August 1, 1894, and has since developed a trade that extends over a large part of Indiana. Only high-grade cigars are made, the chief brands being the "National" ten cent cigars, and the "Gold Seal" five cent straight



cigars, each of which has gained great favor with smokers as well as with the trade, and is to be found in the hands of leading retailers throughout this city and surrounding territory. All the products of the house are strictly fine hand-made, long-filler Havana cigars and both in the selection of the tobacco and in the workmanship, the greatest care is taken to secure uniformity and good quality. Mr. Hazard is a practical and experienced cigar manufacturer and an enterprising and progressive business man.

J. C. PETERS & CO.

Dealers in Hardware, Window and Plate Glass, Factory Supplies, Carriages and Wagons, Etc., 7 E. Columbia Street.

This enterprise was established in 1893 and forms an important feature of the trade resources of Fort Wayne. The headquarters of the firm are embraced in a four-story and basement building 20 x 110 feet in dimensions, which contains the largest and most varied assortment of the goods handled to be found in Northern Indiana. The stock includes a general line of hardware, mechanics' tools, implements, window and plate glass, mill and factory supplies, leather belting, carriages, buggies and wagons, agricultural implements, etc. The firm are special agents in this market for numerous lines of goods, not obtainable elsewhere, which are widely recognized as the best in the world. While a general line of hardware suitable for all requirements is carried, this firm, with commendable enterprise, also offers the trade the highest class of goods known, in art hardware and special house trimmings, art glass, etc., which are not obtainable except in the chief commercial centers of the country. They are exclusive agents for Yale & Towne Mfg. Co's house hardware, Pittsburgh window glass, Studebaker carriages, farm wagons and spring wagons, Charles Munson Mfg. Co's famous leather belting and Deere & Co's farm implements. The trade of the house extends throughout this section and is annually increasing in volume. The enterprise is an important one and its success is the reward of progressive efforts.

AUGUST BRUDER,

Jeweler, Cor. Calhoun and Wayne Sts.

This important house is the largest and most notable of the kind in Northern Indiana. The premises occupied comprise the corner store in the handsome Odd Fellow's building, and form the most elegantly and artistically appointed salesroom in the city. The fixtures are ebony finish, the mirrors are the finest French plate, with beveled edges, the floor is tile, and the entire establishment is lighted with incandescent lamps. The magnificent



plate-glass show windows and interior show cases are works of art in themselves, and the stock embraces diamonds, precious stones, jewelry, cut-glass ware, silverware, watches, fancy goods, novelties and interesting articles of artistic character, secured from the great European commercial and art centers. The taste displayed in their selection is a matter of the most favorable comment, and the beautiful and rare goods shown in the windows form one of the most attractive features of the main thoroughfare of the city. Fort Wayne citizens have no call to visit other cities for procuring anything desired in this line, which can be furnished by Mr. Bruder, of equally good quality and at prices much less than are usual in larger cities. Enterprise and a record of honorable dealing have secured a splendid success for this house, which is the just reward of well directed efforts.

H. J. ASH,

Stoves, Tinware, Tinnners' Stock, Etc., 16 E. Columbia Street.

This leading and old established enterprise, founded in 1860, has long been the principal source of supply for stoves and ranges in this market. Seven assistants are employed in the house, including traveling salesmen who visit the trade throughout Indiana, Ohio and Michigan. The house deals in all kinds of cooking, parlor and box stoves and ranges, tinnners' stock and trimmings, stamped, japanned, hollow and plain tinware, etc., at both wholesale and retail, and the stock shown is the largest and most complete in its line in this market. Specialties are made of the celebrated Paris ranges made at Troy, N. Y., the Model steel ranges made at Portsmouth, Ohio, and the Radiant Home stoves, ranges and open gas stoves made at Erie, Pa., all of which are widely recognized as being unexcelled for economy of fuel, ease of operation, efficiency in use, durability and attractiveness, and are in great favor with the trade and consumers everywhere. In all departments of the business the facilities of this house are of the most advanced modern character, and the greatest inducements and advantages are offered to patrons. Mr. Ash is a progressive and enterprising business man and is closely identified with the commercial advance of Fort Wayne.

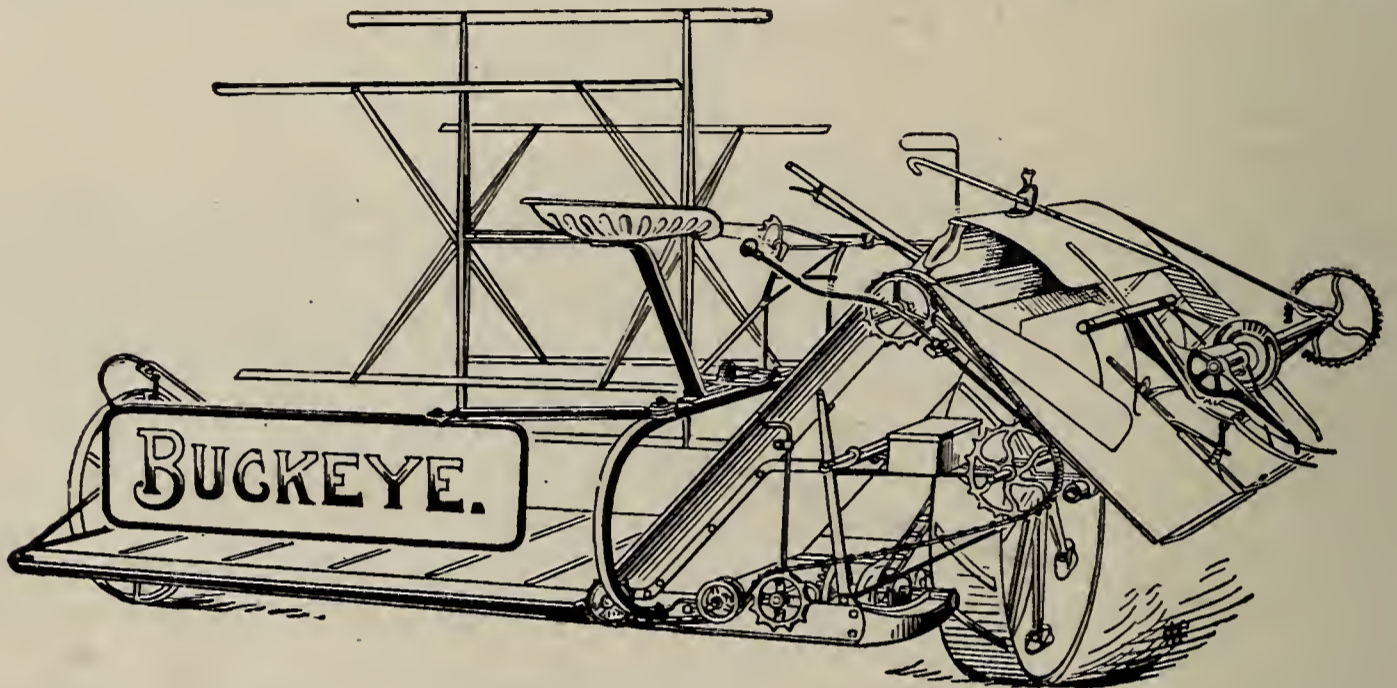
ALFRED SHRIMPTON,

**The Fort Wayne Roofing and Paving Co., Office and Yard: Cor.
Fulton and Pearl Sts.**

The enterprise of which Mr. Alfred Shrimpton is the present sole proprietor, was founded by the Remington-Lawton Co., the present management having succeeded to the business in 1891. The facilities of the house embrace a commodious plant and warehouse and all requisite tools and appliances for the preparation and application of the materials employed, and a force of skilled workmen is employed. Paving is the leading specialty, and contracts are undertaken for all kinds of cellar floors, brewery floors, sidewalks, etc. The company have constructed large numbers of roofs in this city and vicinity, as well as pavements, and in all cases the utmost satisfaction has resulted from their operations. Mr. Shrimpton is well and widely known throughout this part of Indiana as one of Fort Wayne's leading contractors and builders, in which industry he has been engaged since 1880. He has erected very many of the commercial buildings and private residences that grace the streets of Fort Wayne, and all contracts undertaken by him have been executed with the utmost faithfulness. The advantages and inducements offered by this house are fully in accord with its high reputation for fair and liberal dealing, and relations with it will prove eminently satisfactory to all concerned.

CHARLES W. COOK,**Agricultural Implements, 50 and 52 E. Columbia St.**

The large and prominent agricultural machinery warehouse of Mr. Charles W. Cook was established in 1891. The premises occupied for the business are embraced in a three-story and basement brick building, 40x80 feet in dimensions. Mr. Cook handles a general line of agricultural machinery and implements suitable for the requirements of farmers in this territory. Among the



leading machinery handled are the world-famous Buckeye binders and mowers, which are unquestionably the most reliable and durable machines of the kind ever invented. Other specialties are the Kraus and Akron riding cultivators, walking cultivators, double shovel plows, etc.; the unapproachable Birdsall steel skein farm wagons, as well as threshers, corn planters, plows, and other implements of all descriptions, including wind mills and pumps. Mr. Cook is also agent in this market for high-grade fertilizers, and in all departments of the business his facilities are fully up to the times, and afford the most advanced accommodations to patrons.

S. FREIBURGER & BRO.,**Dealers in Leather and Shoe Store Supplies, 35 E. Columbia St.**

This house was founded in 1870 and has since built up a trade that extends generally throughout this and the adjoining states. The stock carried embraces oak and hemlock tanned sole leather, harness leather, shoe findings, and shoe store supplies, blacksmiths' and lumbermen's aprons, etc., which are offered to the trade at lowest prices. The facilities of the house are of an unusually complete character, enabling them to offer special advantages to customers, and to fill all orders in the most prompt and satisfactory manner. The firm sustains the highest reputation for fair and honorable dealing and liberal methods, and it has made a record of progress fully in accord with the energy, experience and enterprise of its management.

W. B. PHILLIPS,**Manufacturer of Ladies' Wrappers, Waists, Etc., Fort Wayne.**

The enterprise of Mr. W. B. Phillips, established in August, 1894, has already developed a trade that extends generally throughout the United States. The factory is equipped with one hundred and fifty sewing machines, operated by power, and employment is given to two hundred skilled operatives. The products consist of ladies' wrappers, waists, dresses, etc., which are made from a great variety of materials and are artistic in design and style. The capacity of the factory is from 150 to 200 dozen garments daily, and all orders are promptly filled and shipped. Mr. Phillips is also proprietor of the Hoosier Steam Laundry and the Fort Wayne Steam Laundry of this city, and both are doing a large and successful trade, deriving their patronage from families, hotels, restaurants and individuals throughout the city and vicinity.

NEW AVELINE,**W. D. Jones & Son, Props., Calhoun and Berry Sts.**

The New Aveline, the most centrally and pleasantly located hotel in Fort Wayne, has long been a popular home for commercial travelers and tourists. Its present proprietors took possession of it in October, 1894, since which time many important improvements have been instituted and attractions added, which place it fully on a par with other first-class hotels in the State. For the coming season its many friends and patrons will hardly recognize it, since two new stories are now being added, the lobby is to be extended through to Calhoun street, and a commodious billiard hall will be a new feature. The hotel has all modern conveniences and comforts for travelers, and the rates are but two dollars per day and upwards, and no better accommodations can be found anywhere in Indiana.

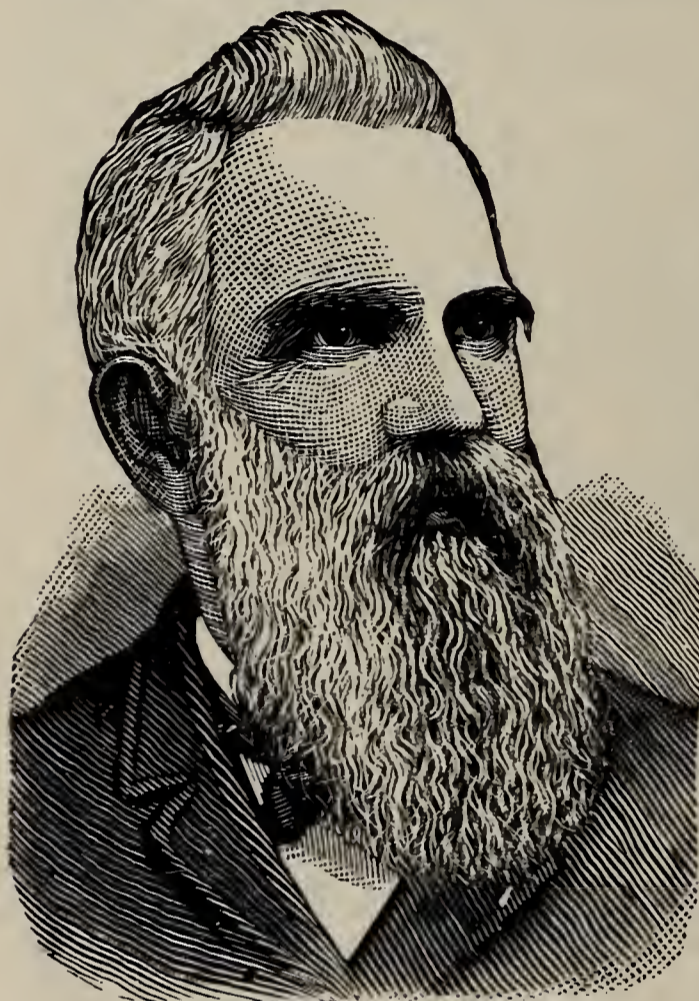
CONRAD BAYER,**Manufacturer of Fine Cigars, 98 W. Main St.**

This progressive house was established in 1892, and though in point of years is much younger than others in the trade, it has been conducted with such advanced methods as to have developed a trade for its products that is equalled by but few, if any others in Fort Wayne. The leading product of the house is known as the "Golden Rod" cigar, and no other cigar has ever met with so large a sale in this market. It is handled by all first-class dealers, and is in demand by all consumers wherever it has once been introduced. It is a strictly hand-made, long filler, clear Havana cigar, and each cigar is the product of one workman in its entirety. The facilities for manufacturing are equal to the prompt fulfillment of orders, and a trade has been established that extends throughout this city and the surrounding territory. Mr. Bayer is

a practical cigar manufacturer of large experience and an expert judge of leaf tobacco, and all the operations of his industry receive his close personal supervision.

THE COBLENTZ INSTITUTE,

Compound Oxygen Association, 63 and 65 Harrison St.



In the progress of scientific medical investigation no single discovery is freighted with so great importance and value to humanity as what is known as the Coblentz Cure for the opium, morphine and whisky habits, and next following this is the Oxygen Tobacco Cure. The Coblentz Cure is the discovery of Dr. J. W. Coblentz, a practicing physician of high reputation and commanding influence, who, during a practice of twenty-five years, had his attention constantly called to the evil effects of the use of morphine, opium and liquor by a large portion of the people, as indeed, what physician has not? The result of his investigations is the Coblentz Compound Oxygen treatment, which

has proved a safe, reliable and infallible cure, and which during the past fifteen years has cured thousands of patients in all parts of America, and on both sides of the ocean. The application of this cure requires no use of the deadly hypodermic needle, results in no failures and causes no suicides. Its cure is absolute and its results are permanent. Thousands of letters have been received from patients expressing themselves permanently cured and overflowing with gratitude for their relief from the clutches of this greatest of demons. The cure is supplied to patients under a positive guarantee of a cure or money will be refunded, and no failures are reported. The Oxygen Tobacco Cure is for sale by all druggists, or will be sent by mail, prepaid, on receipt of price, which is one dollar per box, sufficient for any ordinary case, or two dollars and fifty cents for three boxes, guaranteed to cure any case. The Coblentz Institute was established in Fort Wayne in 1889, and has since had a record of unbroken success. The treatment is based on scientific principles, and what is of still greater importance to the average sufferer, it invariably cures. The management issues exhaustive descriptive circulars, which can be obtained upon application, and should be read carefully by all who desire to be restored to health and freedom from the slavery of either opium, morphine, whisky or tobacco.

F. C. PARHAM,

**Dealer in Agricultural Implements, Wagons, Buggies, Etc., 29
and 31 Barr St.**

This house, established in 1886, stands at the head of the trade and has developed a patronage that extends throughout Northern Indiana and into the adjoining States. Its headquarters are comprised in a three-story building, which is filled with all kinds of agricultural machinery and implements suitable for the requirements of farmers in this territory, embracing the famous Champion binders and mowers, which are the peers of all harvesters; Nichols & Shepard engines and threshers; improved Imperial stackers; Victor clover hullers; Eli, Ohio, and Sterling hay rakes; Defiance Clipper plows; Fargo harrows; Reed spring-tooth harrows; Clark's cutaway harrows; Union wheat drills, etc., as well as buggies, surreys, carts, farm wagons, spring wagons, etc. All products are procured direct from first hands and are offered to patrons at manufacturers's prices and upon the most favorable terms. Mr. Parham is an experienced agricultural implement dealer and a progressive, liberal and fair dealing business man, and his enterprise is easily a leader in its line.

FRED. ECKART PACKING CO.,

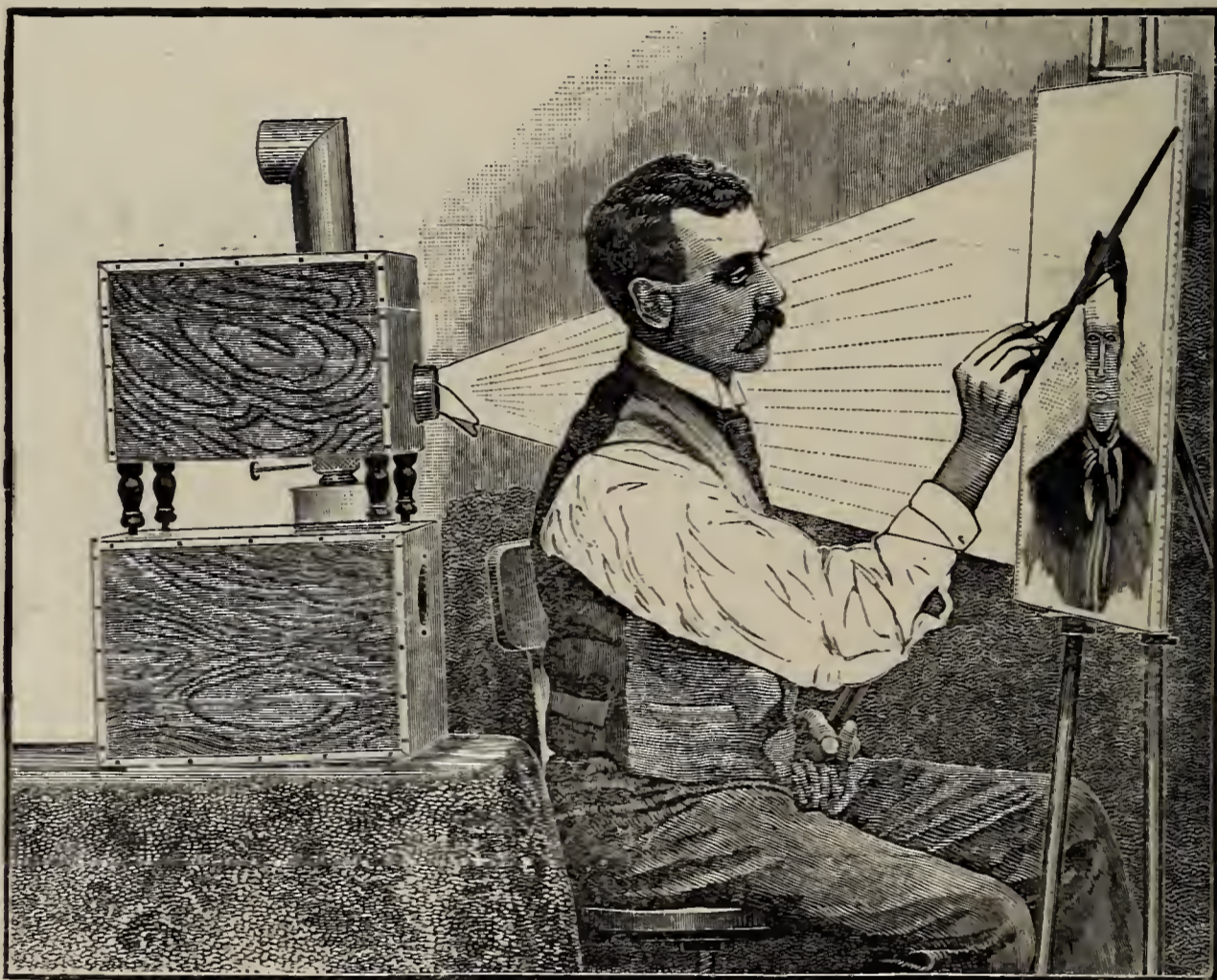
Pork and Beef Packers, 35 W. Main St.

The most important representative of the provision trade of Fort Wayne is the enterprise of the Fred Eckart Packing Co., which was established in 1855. The facilities of the firm for packing and storing the products are equal to the accommodation of a large and annually increasing trade, and upwards of 18,000 hogs are handled during the season, and about 125 head of cattle are disposed of each month. The firm pack and deal in all kinds of pork and beef products, and cater to a trade that demands particularly fine goods, altogether better in quality and character than that produced by the huge Chicago establishments. The greatest care is used in the selection of the hogs and cattle cut up and packed by the firm, and the processes in use in preparing it for market are such as justify them in claiming to offer a line of products that cannot be excelled anywhere. Their manufactures include fresh and salt pork, hams, shoulders, bacon, lard, sausage, corned beef, fresh beef, provisions, etc. While the trade of the house is chiefly at wholesale with dealers throughout a radius of 100 miles or more from Fort Wayne, consumers are also supplied at retail with the choicest provisions in the market. The firm is in possession of all modern facilities for carrying a complete stock of fresh and salt meats, the most improved refrigerating appliances being in use. The members of the firm, Messrs. Fred. and Henry Eckart, are both enterprising and progressive business men and closely identified with the growth and progress of Fort Wayne.

JENNE CAMERA M'F'G CO.,

Manufacturers of the Solar Rayon, 16 W. Columbia St.

This enterprise was established about twenty years ago, by Mr. C. R. Jenne, and was removed to this city in 1892. The company manufacture the Solar Rayon, which is a combination sun or lamp sketching camera, designed for the use of both professional and amateur artists or any one doing any kind of drawing, painting or enlarging small pictures to life-size. The Solar Rayon is made



in four different sizes, the largest size being capable of use as a magic lantern, as a sketching camera, as a bromide printing camera, and as a photographic camera, and in each of these performances it has no equal on the market. The smaller sizes are for sketching only, and are operated by the sun only, while the third size is a combination sun and lamp sketching camera. The company issues an illustrated and descriptive catalogue of their products, which can be obtained free upon application. The products are unquestionably the best of the kind ever invented and their usefulness is daily becoming more universally recognized.

F. M. SMITH & CO.,

Dealers in Hardware, Cutlery, Tools, Etc., 22 Calhoun St.

One of the most active and prominent representatives of the hardware trade in Fort Wayne is the enterprise of Messrs. F. M. Smith & Co., which was established in 1880, and has since built up a trade that extends throughout Northern Indiana and into West-

ern Ohio, and is annually increasing in volume. The premises occupied are centrally located, large and commodious and contain a carefully selected stock of reliable hardware, cutlery, mechanics' tools, house furnishing utensils, etc., all of which have been procured direct from manufacturers and are offered to the trade and consumers upon the most advantageous terms. In all departments of the business the firm's facilities to promptly meet all the requirements of patrons are of the most advanced character. Mr. F. M. Smith, the sole proprietor of the business, is held in the highest esteem in this community for his energetic and broad-guage business methods and sterling personal worth and he is well deserving of the success he is achieving.

WM. MEYER & BRO.,

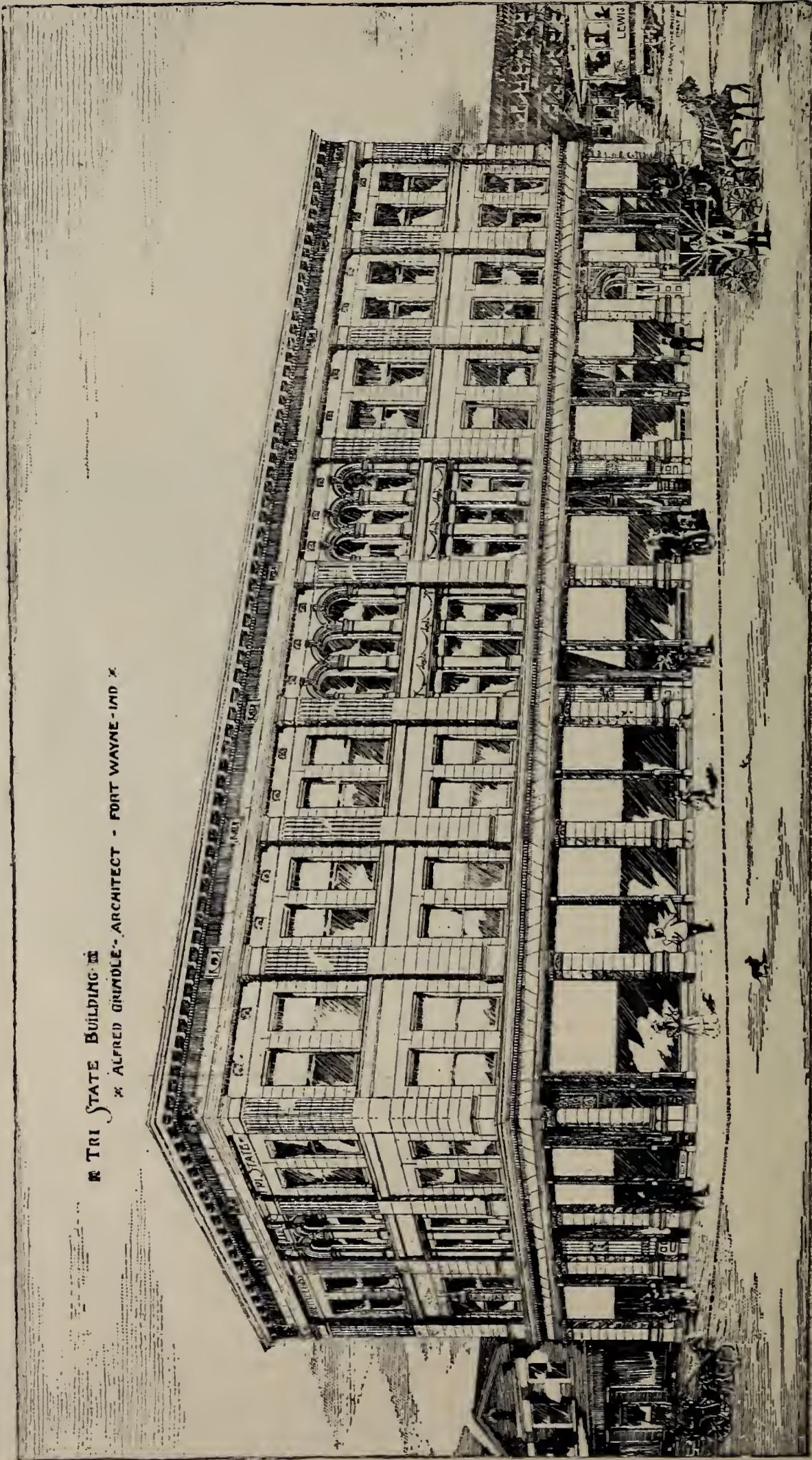
**Hatters and Men's Furnishers and Shirt Makers, 80 and 80 1-2
Calhoun Street.**

This leading enterprise was established in 1880 by Wm. Meyer, and in 1889 Henry J. Meyer, Jr., became associated in the business under its present title. The firm's salesroom is large, attractively appointed and contains the choicest novelties in fine hats, caps and men's furnishing goods, underwear, neck-wear, hosiery, gloves, dress and negligee shirts, etc. In all departments the quality of the goods is much higher than is usual with clothing and dry goods stores, while the prices named are no higher. An important feature of the business is making fine dress and fancy colored shirts to order.

CARTER & SON.

**Dealers in Furnaces, Wood and Combination Mantles, Etc.,
29 Clinton Street.**

Nothing adds so greatly to the interior decoration of a room as a handsome mantel with fire-place and grate, while its usefulness as a matter of comfort especially in the early Fall and Spring, and as adding to the cheerfulness of an apartment is well attested by all. Messrs. Carter & Son are prepared to furnish wood and combination mantels and grate fire-places, as well as the accompanying tile goods, of the highest artistic character and in a great variety of styles and designs, and besides the large and varied stock carried, special designs are promptly made to order. At their salesrooms a large number of mantels are shown, which have been set up and surrounded with harmonious furnishings, so that patrons may make selections understandingly. Another important feature of the business is dealing in furnaces and the execution of all kinds of furnace work, for which the most complete facilities are available. This house was founded in 1857, and is one of the oldest in its line in Northern Indiana.



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ALFRED GRINDLE,
Architect, 34 to 37 Bass Block.

Much interest and importance are attached to the functions pertaining to the profession of the architect, on whose skill and ability all other work executed in the erection of buildings so largely depends. Among the best-known and most reliable exponents of this artistic and useful art in Fort Wayne is Mr. Alfred Grindle, whose well ordered offices are located in the Bass block. Mr. Grindle established himself in his profession in this city in 1894, though this date by no means limits his experience in the art, and he has already planned and supervised the construction of some of the most notable architectural structures which grace the main thoroughfares of this city, and prove conclusively his skill, taste and ability are of the highest class. Among such structures is the Clay school, which is illustrated on page eleven, one of the finest and most complete public school buildings in Indiana; the Tri-State building, the King block, and the residence of Mr. A. F. Glutting, each of which are models of beauty and adaptability for the purposes for which they were designed. Mr. Grindle's labors are not confined to Fort Wayne, a specialty being made of designing buildings of all kinds and superintending their construction in any part of the country, distance forming no obstacle to successful and satisfactory erection of all work entrusted to him. He is a man of unmistakable push and energy, as well as a thorough master of his art.

J. F. CURTICE,

**Real Estate and Loan Agent and Insurance Broker, Corner Clinton
and Berry Sts., Tri-State Building.**

The prominent and representative real estate agency of Mr. J. F. Curtice is second to none of its kind in Indiana, and has long been actively engaged in developing Fort Wayne's industrial and commercial growth. Mr. Curtice conducts a general real estate business, buying, selling and exchanging real property of all kinds, negotiating loans, both on mortgages and on commercial paper, furnishes buyers of lots with money to erect houses, when desired, upon terms that are most liberal, and furnishes opportunities to industrious workingmen to own their own homes, which no prudent man can afford to neglect. He takes full charge of estates and property for non-residents and transacts all business relating to real estate. He has on his books a large list of city and suburban property, lots, acres, additions, farms, oil and gas lands, Western and Southern lands, timber and mineral lands, ranches, etc., for sale or exchange, and offers investors the most promising opportunities for quick and large profits. Mr. Curtice is a broad-gauge business man, of comprehensive views, thoroughly identified with Fort Wayne in the best sense, and extremely liberal toward all who would invest in the soil and thus become permanently attached to this city. His offices are centrally located and are headquarters for real estate investors.

A. HIRSH & CO.,

Manufacturers and Jobbers of Paper, Paper Bags, Etc., 23 E.
Columbia Street.

This enterprise is one of the latest accessions to the wholesale trade accommodations of Fort Wayne, having been established the present year. It commenced operations with all the most advanced modern advantages, and has built up a trade that reaches out into the adjoining States, and that gives abundant promise of growth and progress. The premises occupied comprise a three-story and basement building, 20x110 feet in dimensions, which is ample for the storage of a complete stock and the prompt fulfillment of orders. The firm are manufacturers and jobbers of all kinds of wrapping paper, paper bags, wood dishes, twines, etc., and make a specialty of printed manilla wrapping paper. They have in addition to this a very extensive stationery department, and their facilities are such that the largest orders are filled with dispatch and at lowest prices, the greatest accommodations and inducements being offered to customers. The individual members of the firm are Messrs. A. Hirsh, Chas. Nathan and Joseph Kirchheimer, enterprising and progressive business men and esteemed citizens, and their enterprise is already recognized as a valuable feature of the commercial supremacy of this thriving city.



The enterprise of Mr. Gust. Schubert, established in 1891, is the only electrical dye works in America. It embodies an entirely new process for cleaning clothing of all kinds and for dyeing garments and wearing apparel without ripping. The works are equipped with special apparatus for cleaning, scouring and dyeing, without injury to the most delicate fabric, and all of the cleansing and coloring compounds are of the most superior character. Ladies' silk and woolen dresses, gentlemen's clothing of all kinds, blankets, curtains and portiers are cleaned and dyed and gentlemen's clothing is also repaired. Many milliners, dressmakers, tailors and dry goods merchants avail themselves of the opportunities offered by this house for renovating goods of all kinds, and a large trade is also controlled among private families and citizens generally.

LOUIS HORSTMAN,**Manufacturer of Carriage and Buggy Tops, etc., 7 E. Superior St.**

This enterprise was established in 1885 and has since developed a trade that extends generally throughout the United States. The products embrace all kinds of buggy and carriage tops, canopy tops, cushions, boots, toe pads, storm aprons, dashes, whip sockets, canopy top sun shades, and other trimmings, which are made in a variety of styles and materials to meet the demands of the trade. The trade of the house is at wholesale only, but orders are promptly filled for any desired quantity. Mr. Horstman is a practical carriage-top manufacturer, and his products have been received by the trade with great favor. He is highly esteemed for liberal and fair dealing and his enterprise is a pronounced success.

WM. MOELLERING & SON,**Wholesale and Retail Dealers in Building Materials, 53, 55, 57 & 59 Murray St.**

The most prominent representative of the trade in lime, stone and mason's building materials in Fort Wayne is the house of Messrs Wm. Moellering & Son, which is the outgrowth of the contracting and building business of Mr. Wm. Moellering, established about 1860. The facilities of the firm embrace yard, warehouse and office in this city, covering about one acre of ground, and extensive stone quarries, located Wabash, Ind., are also owned and operated by the firm, which produce building and dimension stone, bridge stone and crushed stone for streets, upwards of 25,000 cubic yards of fine building stone being annually quarried, which is used in Fort Wayne and is also shipped to other markets. The products handled by the firm include lime, stone, lath, hair, plaster, white sand, imported and domestic cements, fire, pressed and common brick, sewer pipe and flue lining, etc., and they are sole agents in this market for Acme cement plaster, a substitute for ordinary wall plaster, which has already attained great favor with the trade by reason of its superiority over all other kinds of wall plasters on the market, its chief advantages being found in its durability, strength, quickness of setting and hardness. The individual members of the firm are Messrs. William Moellering and his son C. E. Moellering. Mr. William Moellering has been one of the leading contractors and builders of Fort Wayne for many years, having originally commenced operations here in 1850. He erected the School for Feeble-minded Youth in this city, the U. S. Government building, St. Paul's Cathedral, St. Paul's and Zion Lutheran churches, and many public and private buildings in this and other cities and towns in Indiana, including the Clay School and six other of the public schools of Fort Wayne. The enterprise is a leading feature in the economy of the building trade of Fort Wayne, and its operations add greatly to the advantages of the city as a manufacturing center.

V. GUTERMUTH,

Exclusive Cloak, Suit and Fur House, 52 1-2 Calhoun St.

This important house is the only exclusive cloak, suit and fur house in the city and was instituted August 20, 1892, and has since developed the highest reputation for liberal dealing. The



stock displayed embraces the largest and most complete variety of fine cloaks, wraps, suits, sacks, ladies' waists and skirts, etc., ever shown in this city, and includes imported and domestic garments of the highest class, as well as fashionable and serviceable suits and wraps for ladies and misses, for all occasions. The house, by making a specialty of this class of goods and devoting its energies exclusively to handling garments for ladies, is enabled to offer inducements in prices and quality of goods not obtainable else-

where, and the unusual facilities offered in the way of light and room enable ladies to make selections with better judgment and greater satisfaction than is possible where cloaks and suits are made a side issue only. The patrons of this house are easily recognized among the most stylishly attired ladies of Fort Wayne, and the number of customers is annually increasing. Mr. Guter-muth is a progressive business man and an experienced merchant, and the enterprise he is conducting is alike creditable to himself and this community.

LOUIS DIETHER & BRO.,

Lumber, Sash, Doors, Blinds, Mouldings, Etc., Superior St.

A leading house in the lumber trade is that of Messrs. Louis Diether & Bro., which was established in 1881, the present firm having been organized Jan. 1, 1888. The premises and possessions of the firm are large and complete and embrace lumber yards and piling ground, a two-story planing mill, fully equipped with all necessary wood-working machinery, operated by steam power, employment being given to about fifty skilled workmen. The products comprise all kinds of builder's finish, sash, doors, blinds, mouldings, flooring, siding, etc., and the firm also carry a very heavy and choice stock of pine, ash and poplar lumber, lath, shingles, etc. The members of the firm, Messrs. Louis and John H. Diether, are both enterprising and progressive business men, and are closely identified with the progress of Fort Wayne.

THE W. L. CARNAHAN COMPANY,

Wholesale Boots, Shoes and Rubbers, 13 W. Jefferson St.

The enterprise of the W. L. Carnahan Co. has long maintained a distinctive position as the sole representative of its line in this city. It was founded in 1872 by Carnahan & Co., and was incorporated in 1894. A new and attractive modern four-story and basement building is occupied, the several floors being connected by an elevator. Here is carried a full and complete stock of boots, shoes and rubbers for men, women and children, suitable for the general trade in this section of the Union. The company offers the trade the advantages of prompt shipment, large assortment of staple goods, and opportunities to sort up sizes and obtain them quickly, impossible to do where orders are made on more distant markets. The trade of the house extends throughout Indiana, Illinois, Ohio and Michigan, and not only reaches all points tributary to Fort Wayne, but encroaches upon much territory that heretofore has looked to Chicago, Cincinnati, St. Louis and other large cities for supplies. The officers of the company are Messrs. W. L. Carnahsn, Pres.; R. H. Carnahan, Vice-Pres., and W. E. Hood, Sec. and Treas., the former being the founder of the house. The success and growth of this company is widely recognized as the outcome of the most upright business methods and liberal dealing.

THE RANDALL.

Dick Townsend & Co., Props., Harrison St., Head of Columbia.



This handsome and attractive hotel, modern in construction and furnishing, was erected in 1875, and was remodeled and refurnished in 1891, making it one of the leading first-class hotels of the Central States. Since management is the key-note of success in hotel keeping, it is only necessary to state that The Randall is conducted under the active and able management of Mr.

Dick Townsend, who is well-known to thousands of commercial travelers and tourists, as one of the most successful hotel managers in the West, and since his control of this hotel it has become widely recognized as the best two-dollar hotel in Indiana. The Randall is a handsome five-story brick building, having the office, lobby, reading, smoking and writing rooms on the first floor, and one hundred and twenty-five apartments, both single and en suite, for guests, all of which are sumptuously furnished, clean, large, light, airy and inviting, and many of them are provided with private baths. The hotel, throughout, is elaborately and handsomely decorated, and an elevator connects all the floors. Steam heat, natural gas grate fires, gas and electric light, and electric call bells and fire alarm bells have been provided. The culinary department is presided over by an accomplished chef and the table is remarkable for excellence. The Randall has large sample rooms for commercial travelers, and in all its accommodations and service offers the greatest attractions to travelers and tourists visiting Fort Wayne. The terse and significant invitation, "Stop with Dick," so familiar to travelers reaching Fort Wayne, is one that will prove a great satisfaction to all who heed it, and at The Randall will be found that perfect combination of experience, skill and welcome that leads to fame for the landlord and at the same time secures the greatest comfort and pleasure to the largest number of guests.

FORT WAYNE GLOVE AND MITTEN CO.,

Tanners and Manufacturers of Gloves and Mittens, Cor. Clinton and Columbia Sts.

The Fort Wayne Glove and Mitten Co. was inaugurated in 1888, and has occupied its present commodious quarters since 1892. These are comprised in four large floors, having an area of about 10,000 square feet, and are equipped with all necessary machinery and appliances, operated by steam power, and furnishing employment to thirty-five skilled operatives. The company's products embrace a general line of calf, sheep, goat and buck gloves and

mittens for men's and boys' wear for the jobbing trade, and the facilities are such that the products are of the highest character and perfection, while at the same time the prices are as low as is possible consistent with quality. The trade of the house extends generally throughout the United States, and is annually increasing in volume, and the output of the factory reaches about 400 dozen per week. The proprietors of the enterprise are Messrs. L., H., and J. Freiburger, who are experienced manufacturers and progressive business men, and their house has become a valuable factor of the industrial resources of Fort Wayne.

M. F. KAAG,

China, Glass and Queensware, 5 E. Columbia St.

A leading representative of the trade resources of Fort Wayne is the enterprise of Mr. M. F. Kaag, which was established in 1881, by Kaag & Bro., the present proprietor assuming sole control of the business in 1887. The premises occupied are large and commodious and embrace a three-story brick building, which is completely filled with an endless assortment of China, glassware, queensware, silverware, lamps, chandeliers, decorated tea, dinner and chamber sets, novelties in colored glassware, restaurant and hotel outfits, bar glassware, etc., all of which has been procured direct from manufacturers in Europe and America, and is offered to the trade and public at lowest prices, consistent with quality. Many articles of luxurious use and rare and beautiful ware are shown, and the artistic tastes of the public, as well as their necessities, are cared for. The trade of the house is both wholesale and retail and is annually increasing in volume. Mr. Kaag is a progressive business man.

"THE JACOBS SHOE STORE."

Isidor Lehman, 17 Calhoun Street, Fort Wayne.

Forty-five years of commercial usefulness is the record that marks the career of the well-known "Jacobs Shoe Store," of which Mr. Isidor Lehman is the present proprietor, and which besides being one of the oldest business houses of any kind in the city, has long been recognized as handling only the finest and most reliable boots and shoes in the market. The stock carried embraces all the latest novelties and approved styles in footwear for ladies, gentlemen and children, and in all sizes and widths, and whether it be a heavy shoe for rough weather or the finest party or wedding slipper that may be desired, it is obtained here and at reasonable prices. The goods handled are not to be compared with the inferior and shoddy boots and shoes shown in many establishments, yet the prices named are no greater than are frequently obtained for inferior goods by others. The trade of the house embraces the most discriminating citizens, and the enterprise is recognized as a permanent exponent of the city's mercantile stability and capacity.

ISAAC WILE & CO.,**Wholesale Dealers in Wines and Liquors, 8 Calhoun Street.**

One of the most important and influential representatives of its line of trade in Fort Wayne is the wholesale wine and liquor house of Messrs. Isaac Wile & Co., of which Mr. Isaac Wile is the sole proprietor, the "Co." being nominal only. It was established in 1882 and a trade has been developed that extends generally throughout Indiana, Ohio and Michigan. The premises occupied for the business are large and commodious, affording ample accommodations for a large stock of fine imported wines and liquors, Kentucky, Maryland and Pennsylvania whiskies, case goods, etc. The firm makes a specialty of carrying Kentucky rye and bourbon whiskies in bond, and offers them to the trade either free or in bonded warehouses, in original packages. All the leading brands of straight whiskies are handled and all are guaranteed to be exactly as represented. Mr. Wile is a progressive and enterprising business man and his house is conducted with the same liberal and fair dealing which has always entitled it to the confidence and esteem of the trade.

THE THERMER TURKISH BATHS,**S. M. Raines, Prop., 62 Clinton Street.**

In a most central location, in the heart of the business section of Fort Wayne, on May 31, 1894, Mr. S. M. Raines threw open the doors to the public of one of the most attractive and beneficial bathing establishments that can be found in Indiana. Mr. Raines has spent the past thirty years in the service of the afflicted, administering mineral water baths and hydropathic treatment in several of the noted institutions of that character in this and other States. He utilizes the Leedy Mineral Spring water, and although so recently introduced to Fort Wayne, it has fully proved to be a radical cure for rheumatism, general debility, eczema, and in fact any eruptions of the skin, as well as for dyspepsia, indigestion and liver, stomach and kidney diseases, when taken internally and used in connection with bathing, and the most delicate constitutions and young children use the baths and drink the water with the most satisfactory results. For the accommodation of the public Mr. Raines has provided ample facilities for procuring Turkish, Russian and electric baths and giving massage treatment. Convenient and attractive waiting rooms are available and the attendance and service in all departments are first-class. Tuesday and Friday of each week from 9 a. m. to 5 p. m. are devoted to ladies. Since opening the baths over 1,500 patrons have been accommodated, and several hundred cures have been recorded. No purer, better or more effective mineral water can be found anywhere than the Leedy Mineral Spring water, and sufferers everywhere would do well to avail themselves of the benefits which it is certain to impart under the experienced direction of Mr. Raines.

MINER & DEXTER,**Photographers, 44 Calhoun St.**

Recent years have wrought wonderful changes for the better in the photographer's art, and complete advantage of all the improvements has been taken by Messrs. Miner and Dexter, photographers, of this city. This firm, though so recently organized as 1894, has already become recognized as leading in the profession, in consequence of the unsurpassed fidelity and excellence of their photographs and portraits. Their studio consists of a handsome suite of rooms, embracing operating gallery, parlor and toilet rooms, all of which are fully equipped with the most perfect appliances and accessories known to the modern art of photography. A specialty is made of large groups, for which the latest improved cameras are available, and all their work is of the highest artistic excellence, while the prices named are such as cannot fail to satisfy the inclinations and tastes of all patrons. Crayon, India ink and water color portraits are executed, and no single portrait or photograph is allowed to leave the studio unless it bears the imprint of perfection in every detail. The success of this firm is the reward of artistic skill, energy and ability, and the trade it has developed is justly merited.

RANDALL CYCLE CO.

Dealer in High-Grade Bicycles and Wheelmen's Supplies, 31 W. Berry Street.

The development of the bicycle within recent years is one of the wonders of the age, and its votaries in all parts of the country are daily becoming more numerous. Probably the largest and most important enterprise in Fort Wayne devoted to handling bicycles is that of the Randall Cycle Co., instituted in 1893. The firm offers wheelmen the most advantageous opportunities to secure high-class wheels at such moderate prices that none need to walk. The stock embraces such well-known and time-tried wheels as the "Victor," the "Winton," the "Cleveland," the "Keating," the "Smalley," the "Waverley," the "Apollo," the "Cycloe," and the "Fairy," which embody in their construction all the latest improved features of strength, lightness, ease of operation and efficiency, and include styles and designs suitable to meet all requirements of riders, both as to character and price. All the wheels are warranted the best of the kind in the market, and are offered upon the most liberal terms. The firm also carries one of the largest assortments of bicycle sundries in the State, which they job and retail at extremely low prices. Bicycle and gymnasium suits and outfits are made a specialty. Mr. Randall, the head of the firm, is a progressive business man, ambitious to excel in accommodations to patrons, and is a member of the Fort Wayne Cycling Club and the League of American Wheelmen.

FORT WAYNE ELECTRIC MANUFACTURING CO.,
Manufacturers of Incandescent Lamps for all Systems, Fort Wayne,
Indiana.

The wonderful development of electric lighting apparatus in Fort Wayne is well illustrated by the Fort Wayne Electric Manufacturing Co., whose enterprise has met with a most important success and has grown from small beginnings to a magnitude of commanding influence, and is now recognized throughout America as having reached the acme of perfection in the manufacture of incandescent lamps. It was established in 1893, and incorporated in 1894. The manufacturing facilities embrace a fully equipped factory, furnishing employment to twenty-five skilled workmen. The products are confined exclusively to incandescent lamps, which are made in all styles for all systems, and are distinguished for high efficiency and long life. The output of the works reaches about 700 lamps per day, and all orders are promptly filled. The management of the company is in the hands of Messrs. Henry Eckart, President and Manager, and Fred. Eckart, Secretary and Treasurer.

M. L. JONES,
Photographic Supplies, 44 Calhoun St,

The vast strides made in the photographic art during recent years cannot be better realized than by paying a visit to the establishment of Mr. M. L. Jones, dealer in all kinds of photographic apparatus and supplies. With characteristic enterprise Mr. Jones has gathered together all the latest and most improved devices and supplies for the use of both professional and amateur photographers, and in his salesroom displays cameras and amateur outfits, lenses, plates, cards, and other necessary articles of all kinds for the complete equipment of the most pretentious studios. All goods are procured direct from manufacturers and are offered at manufacturers' prices, special attention being given to amateur apparatus, the experienced suggestions of the proprietor, who was a professional photographer for fifteen years, being of important service to beginners. No single modern pastime is so instructive and fascinating as photography, and nowhere else in Indiana are the facilities for procuring everything required so ample as here.

GLOBE,
Clothiers, Furnishers and Hatters. Cor, Calhoun and Main Sts.

The Globe clothing, hat and furnishing goods house, of which Messrs. Geo. W. Heller and Louis Frankel are the enterprising projectors and proprietors, was founded in 1890. The large and handsomely appointed salesrooms contain a complete stock of fine ready-made clothing for men, boys and children, all of which is made and trimmed equal to the best custom work, and has no

superior for style, quality, fit and fabric. The children's department is a leading feature of the establishment, and ladies will find everything requisite for their children, novel in design and tasteful in character. Other departments are those of hats and caps, and gents' furnishing goods, which are maintained in the advance of the trade. The one-price system is rigidly enforced, and all goods are marked at the lowest possible prices, in plain figures. Courteous and experienced salesmen are employed and every effort is made upon the part of the firm to fully merit the large and generous patronage accorded the popular Globe Clothing Emporium.

J. C. PELTIER,

Undertaker and Embalmer, 17 W. Wayne.

The profession of the modern undertaker is one requiring peculiar traits on the part of him who attempts it with success, and no longer depends upon mere mechanical skill in making coffins. The high position achieved by Mr. J. C. Peltier in this profession is ample evidence of his fitness for the arduous duties that modern burial customs devolve upon him. His enterprise is the oldest of the kind in Fort Wayne, having been founded in 1845, by Louis Peltier, his father. His facilities embrace all conveniences for the decorous conduct of funerals and for care and preservation of the dead. He supplies casket, carriages, hearse and mourning symbols, arranges all details and personally conducts the last sad rites of burial with due respect for the proprieties of the occasion. He makes embalming after the most scientific methods a specialty. Relatives of the dead can safely leave everything to his care at a time when of a certainty their own minds are incapable of being equal to details of this nature. He is a progressive business man and ably fulfills the functions of his necessary industry.

OHNHAUS & MONAHAN,

Hatters, Outfitters and Shirt Makers, 86 Calhoun St.

Ever since its inception in 1890 the hat and furnishing goods establishment of Messrs. Ohnhaus & Monahan has occupied a leading position in the trade in this city for strictly fine goods. The stock carried by this firm in their elegantly appointed sales-room embraces all the most recherche goods required by gentlemen, of both home and foreign production, and includes hats, neckwear, dress and negligee shirts, underwear, hosiery, gloves, handkerchiefs and many other articles indispensable and luxurious, which go to make up the wardrobe of a well-dressed and refined man. A special feature of the business is the making of fine dress shirts and fancy colored shirts to order, and in this branch of trade the firm has no compeers in the city. The stock throughout is not to be compared with any ordinarily shown by general merchants, and it has no equal in this city for novelty, high character or tasteful selection. The members of the firm are progressive business men.

P. G. KUTTNER,**Custom Shirt Manufacturer, 144 Calhoun Street.**

The enterprise of Mr. P. G. Kuttner, founded in 1889, is devoted to designing, cutting and making perfect fitting shirts to order, and in this department of business has no rival in Indiana. All his shirts are made up from the best materials, with hand-made button holes and finished by hand, and the entire workmanship is much more carefully executed than is practicable in wholesale factories. The products are shirts of all kinds, night shirts and pajamas, a specialty being made of fine white dress shirts and fancy colored shirts. He is a direct importer of fine colored shirtings, penangs, madras, oxfords, linens and silks, and he has constantly on hand the newest patterns and styles. No part of a gentleman's attire is more important than the shirt he wears, and no greater discomfort can well be imagined than that of an ill-fitting shirt which it is impossible to adjust to the person. Mr. Kuttner makes perfect-fitting shirts to order at the same prices charged for ill-fitting factory made shirts by others, and all measures are reserved for duplicate orders. Mr. Kuttner is an expert shirt maker and a popular business man and the success he has attained is the result of liberal dealing.

GRAND CENTRAL HOTEL,**Mrs. Sarah A. Bradley, Prop., 101 Calhoun St.**

The Grand Central Hotel has for many years occupied an important position in the hotel accommodations of Fort Wayne. It is a three-story brick building, centrally located on the main street of the city, and electric street cars connecting with all the railway depots pass its doors. The hotel is neatly and comfortably furnished and the rooms for guests are all light and airy and are heated by natural gas. The dining-room has accommodations for about fifty guests. The bill of fare includes all the choicest edibles that the markets afford, and these are cooked and served in an appetizing manner. The rates are but \$1.50 per day, and special rates are made for large parties and for guests making long sojourns in the city. No other hotel in the city offers more attractive accommodations for the price, and as a result the hotel is constantly filled with permanent and transient guests, and is headquarters in Fort Wayne for commercial travelers and theatrical companies.

M. J. BLITZ,**Cut-Rate Ticket Broker, 82 Calhoun St.**

In these days of universal travel, no more important adjunct to the resources of a community could well be named than the well-informed and reliable ticket broker. Such a factor in the business accommodations of Fort Wayne is Mr. M. J. Blitz, who is a member of the American Ticket Broker's Association. Mr.

Blitz's headquarters are centrally located, and embrace a ground floor office which is handsomely fitted up, and is constantly open from 7:30 a. m. to 8:30 p. m. Here all kinds of railway and steamboat excursion and trip tickets are bought and sold, and tickets are supplied to travelers for all points on railways centering at Fort Wayne, at rates much less than are obtainable elsewhere. Mr. Blitz is thoroughly posted on all matters relating to ticketing travelers, and cheerfully supplies all necessary information with regard to routes and tours. Travelers and tourists will find both increased pleasure and profit by consulting him before arranging itineraries. The usefulness of this enterprise has been fully demonstrated by its success, and it may be quoted as the most important of its kind in Northern Indiana.

FORT WAYNE BUSINESS COLLEGE,

G. W. Lahr, President, Cor. Calhoun and Berry Sts.

The Fort Wayne Business College is not only the oldest institution of the kind in Northern Indiana, but also entitled to first place in the rank of colleges. Established in 1885, and conducted under the management of Prof. G. W. Lahr, since February 13, 1893, it has come to be one of the thoroughly established institutions of the state. Students of both sexes have equal advantages for obtaining a thorough business education. Every facility is at hand for the proper conduct of the various courses of study, which embrace bookkeeping, business arithmetic, commercial law, writing, correspondence, spelling, grammar, banking and commercial credits, shipping, geography, shorthand, typewriting, dictation, reporting, manifolding, etc., and all the common branches. The course is planned with reference to the accomplishment of one purpose—to give every student such a training as will connect his efforts closely with business pursuits. Every student in the business department, under the careful direction of his teachers, becomes his own manager, recording all transactions in which he is engaged, writing all the commercial papers concerned in the business. In fact, he is in business from beginning to end, as all customs and forms of trade may become the subject matter of investigation. The shorthand department is widely known for its efficiency. Nearly all the court reporters in Northern Indiana are former students and graduates. The founder is known among his professional brethren for his speed and information on shorthand matters, and is a reporter of long service. The typewriting department is supplied with the very best machines in the market. The corps of teachers is made up of specialists, and they are among the most able to be found in the country. The school is in session the entire year and students are admitted whenever it suits their convenience. Personal attention is one of the marked features of the work, enabling the timid to progress as well as those of more forward disposition. Individual ability is recognized and students are allowed to progress as fast as they are able, and

consistent with first-class work. In connection with the school is an employment bureau. Through this agency a great many graduates have obtained help. Only graduates are listed and without charge. Business men have access to the advantages it gives freely. No situations are guaranteed as inducements to pursue a course of study. First-class instruction is all that may be obtained under a guaranty. Positions do not belong to any institution, hence cannot with propriety be offered as an inducement. Again the individual that demands it is not the right kind of material of which to make a good business man or shorthand writer. Any one having sons and daughters, undecided regarding their educational outlook, will do well to call at the college and have an interview with the principal on the question. Visitors cordially received, and the work fully explained. If not convenient for you to call, make your wants known in writing.

HENRY C. GRAFFE,

Diamonds, Watches and Jewelry, Cor. Calhoun and Columbia Sts.

No more important evidence of the growth of Fort Wayne in wealth and refinement may be found than by reference to the large and important house of Mr. Henry C. Graffe, which is devoted exclusively to supplying the requirements of luxurious and artistic tastes. This house, founded in 1844, is the oldest and largest of the kind in Northern Indiana, and is the recognized source of supply for the finest imported and American watches, jewelry, silverware, clocks, diamonds and precious stones, mounted and unmounted, art pottery, bronzes, etc., a specialty also being made of optical goods and fine watch repairing. The salesroom is one of the most elegantly appointed and decorated store-rooms in the city and gives ample evidence of artistic taste. The stock is large, beautiful and well selected and the prices named are as low as is consistent with quality. Enterprise and fair dealing have always characterized the operations of this house, and its record of over half a century proves its usefulness and high character.

UNION PACIFIC TEA CO.,

R. J. Coulter, Manager, 102 Calhoun St.

The Union Pacific Tea Co., with main offices at 79 Water St., New York, and branch retail stores in all the principal cities of the United States, is one of the largest importing tea houses in the world, that deals directly with the consumer, thus entirely doing away with the profits of middlemen, usually the heaviest tax paid by the customer on all he buys. This company, which is favorably known to housekeepers everywhere, established its branch store in this city about ten years ago, and for the past year it has been conducted under the experienced management of Mr. R. J. Coulter, who, in the meantime, has made many friends among the

citizens of Fort Wayne by his uniformly courteous intercourse and prompt and fair dealing methods. The stock carried embraces the choicest China and Japan teas, roasted and ground coffees, and Sovereign brands baking powder and condensed milk, and customers are also given an additional advantage beyond that of the best goods at the lowest possible prices, by being presented with the choice of many useful articles of china, glassware, etc., which the gain made by the company's system of doing business allows them to confer. In all respects this enterprise is operated after the most advanced modern methods, purchases being promptly delivered to all parts of the city, and every advantage is afforded patrons that can be obtained in metropolitan cities. Customers who want the most and best for their money are the most liberal patrons of the Union Pacific Tea Co., and those who once try the goods of this house become its permanent patrons.

ARCHER PRINTING CO.,

Book and Job Printers, 82 Clinton St.

Of all the mechanical arts, the "art preservative" has made the greatest progress in recent years, and its leading representative in Fort Wayne is the Archer Printing Co., of which Messrs. C. E. & W. S. Archer are proprietors. This firm's plant may be said to have been placed in the van of progress as regards capacity for turning out artistic printing promptly, and at a minimum cost. The enterprise was instituted in 1886, and has since been developed to its present importance by energy, industry and fair dealing. The facilities of the firm embrace six modern printing machines, a complete pamphlet bindery and all the latest styles of type and printing material. All kinds of fine illustrated catalogues, pamphlets and commercial work are specialties, half-tone engravings being artistically printed, and nowhere else in this section of Indiana is it possible to secure better printing or more prompt service. The patrons of this company embrace a large proportion of the business men and manufacturers of Fort Wayne and vicinity, and good taste and artistic effects distinguish every job turned out. This volume was printed and bound by the Archer Printing Co.

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